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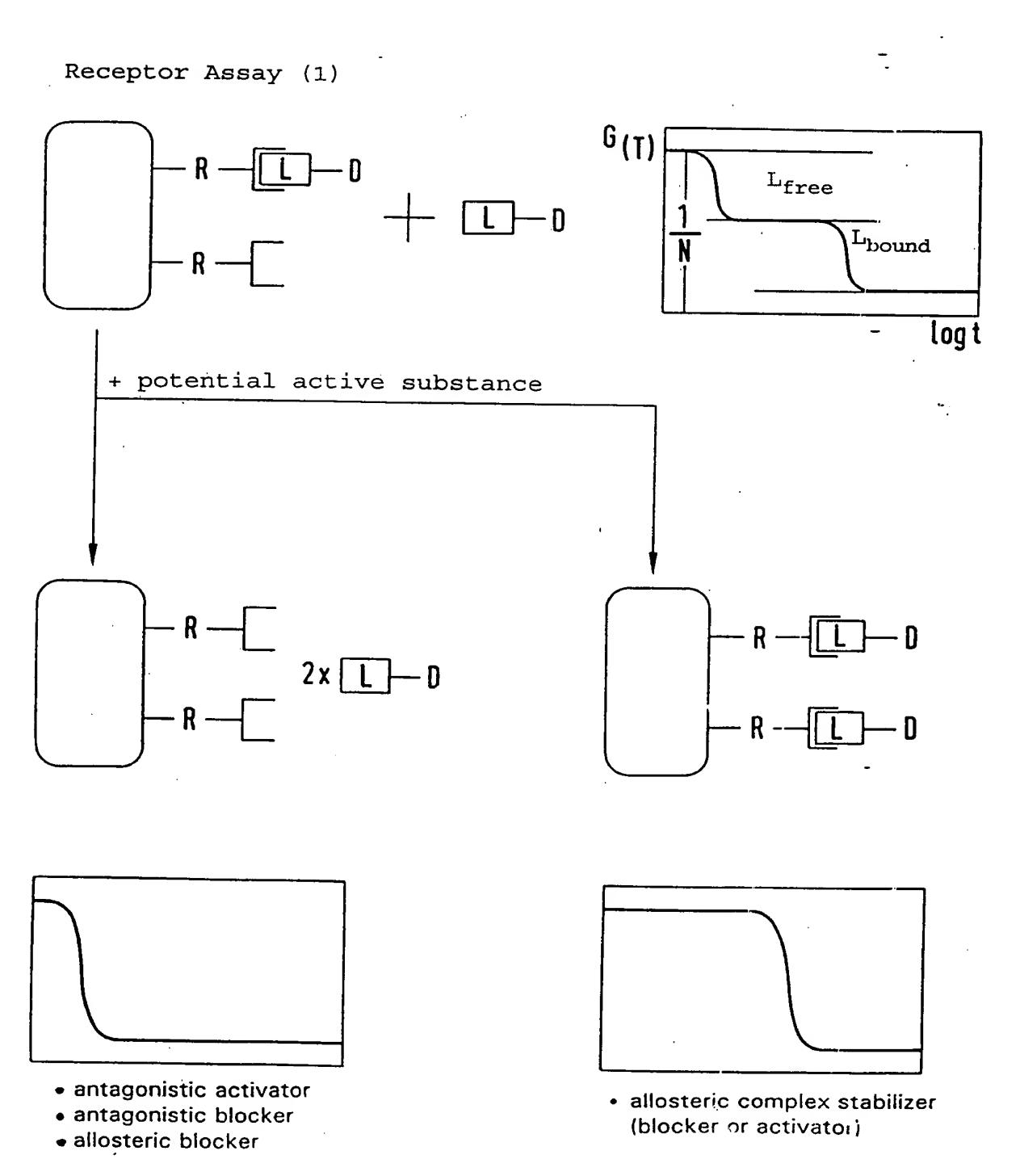
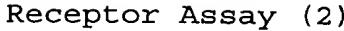
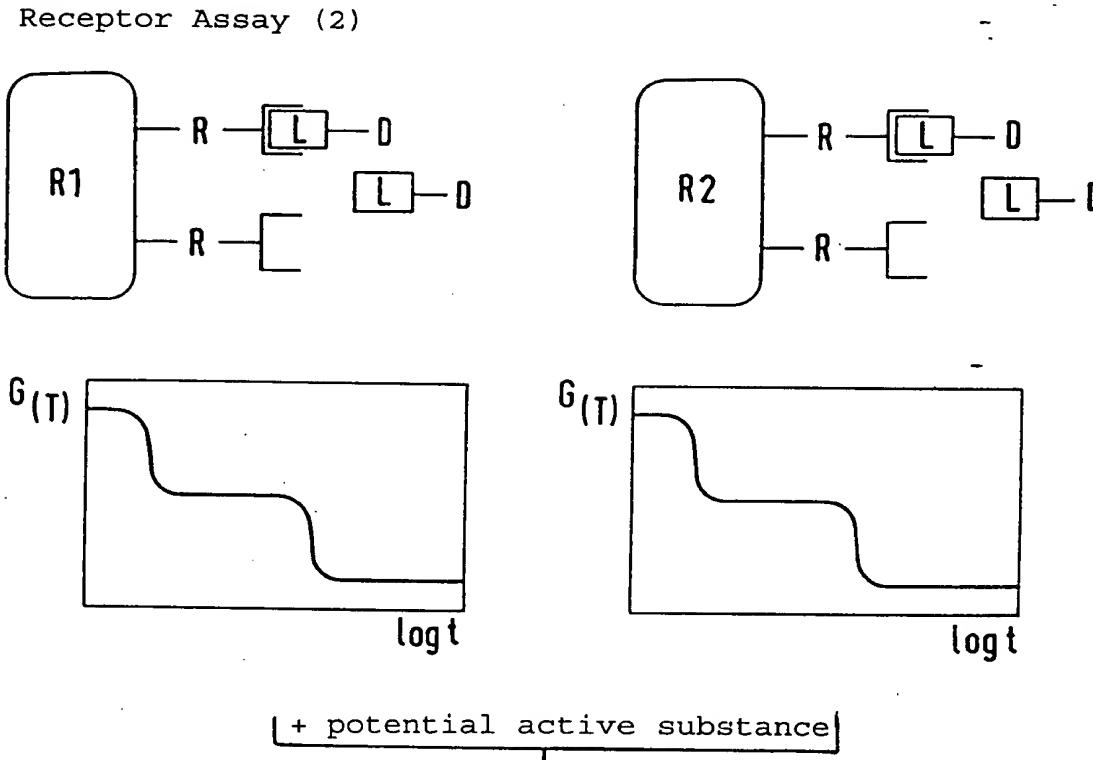


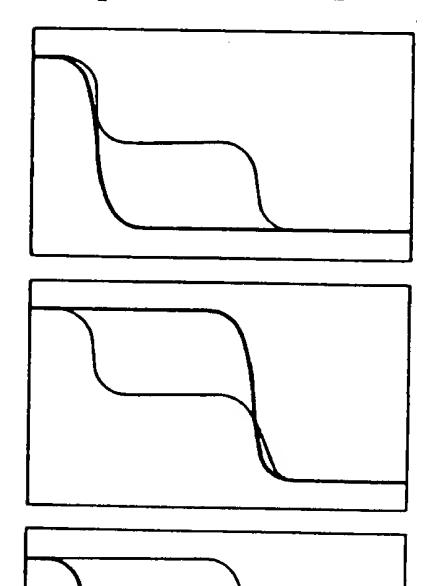
FIG.1

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separation of receptor functions



interference acting in the same direction

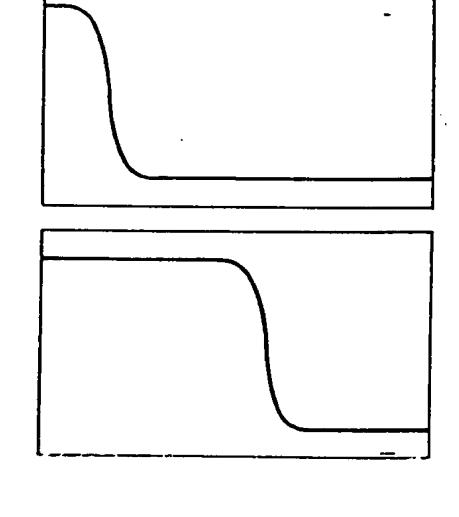
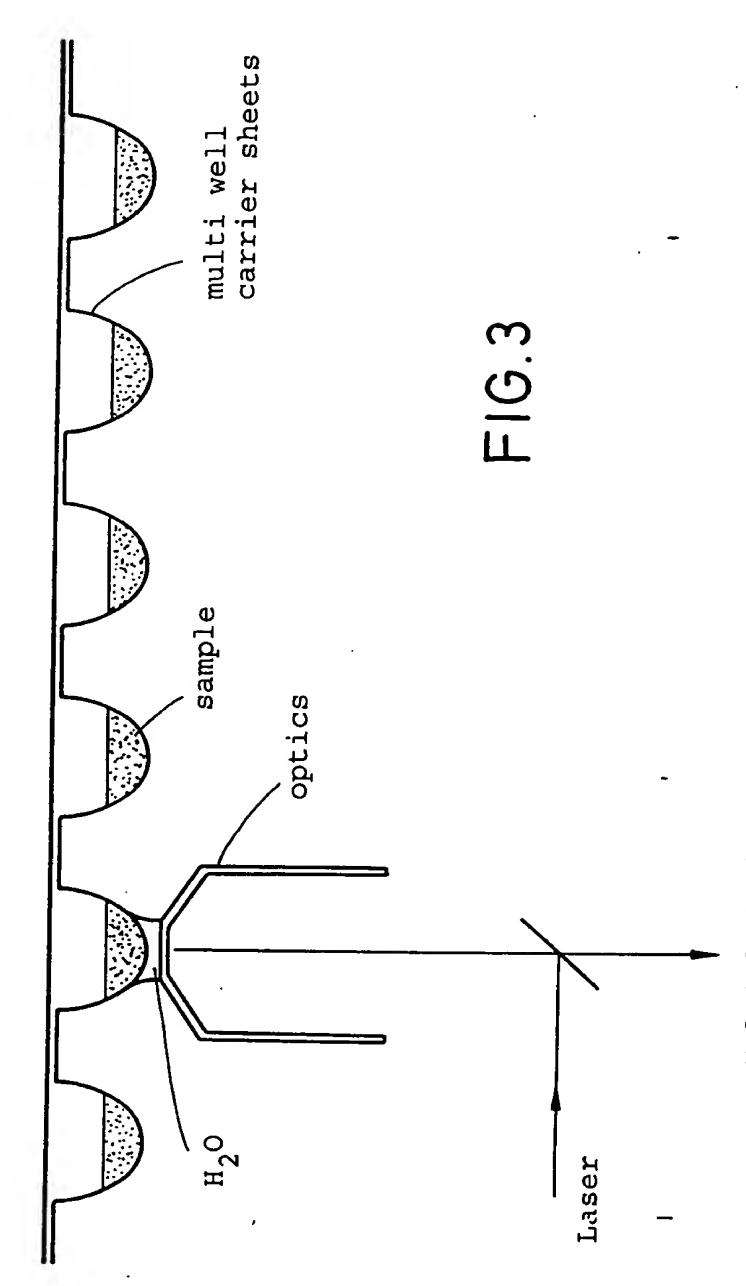


FIG.2



FCS Analysis with Multi Well Sheets

Multiplier / Correlator

FCS - Determination of the Fitness of Mutants

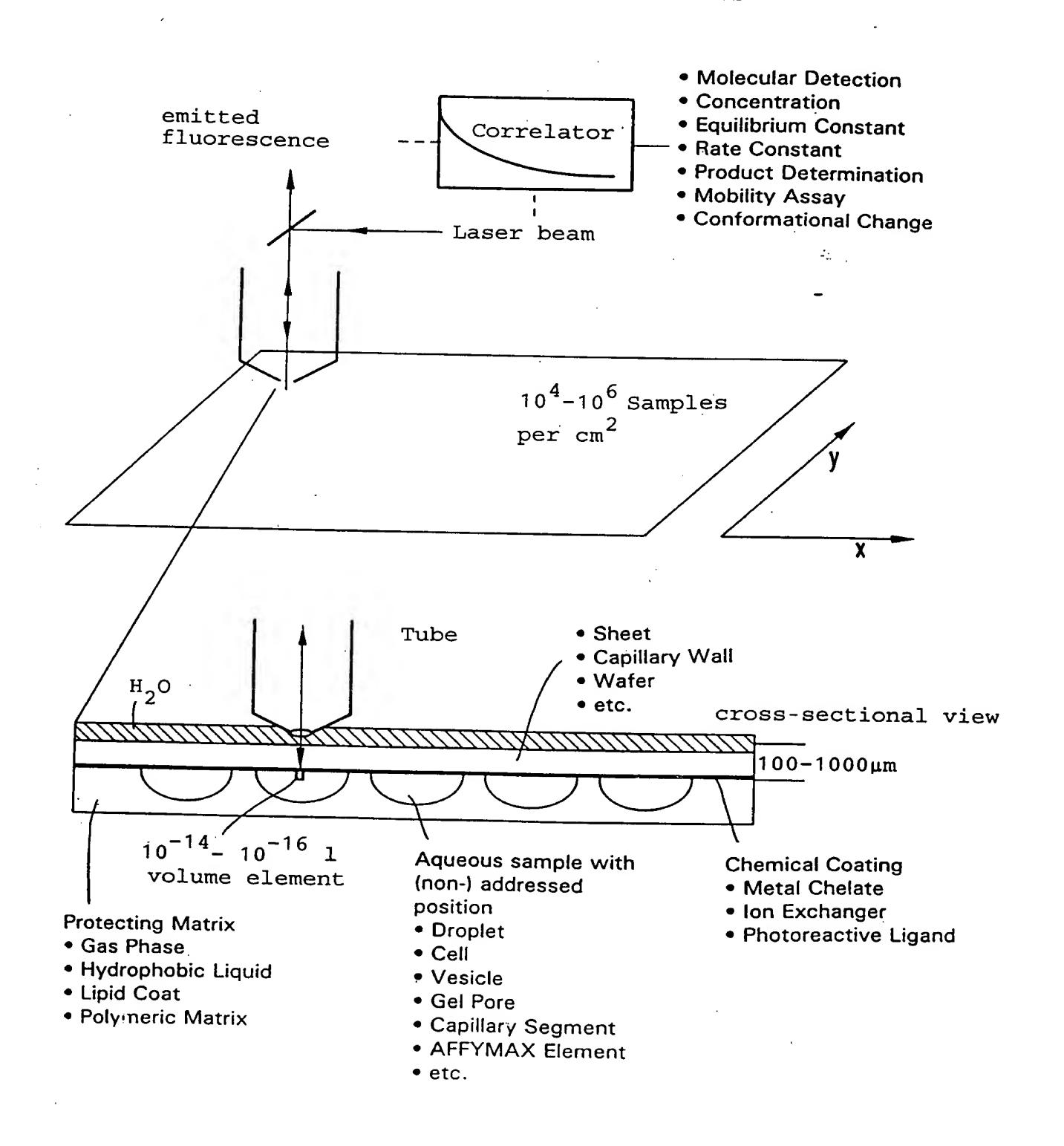


FIG.4

Detection of Molecules on stationary structures through relative temporal change of the positional coordinates of the measuring volume

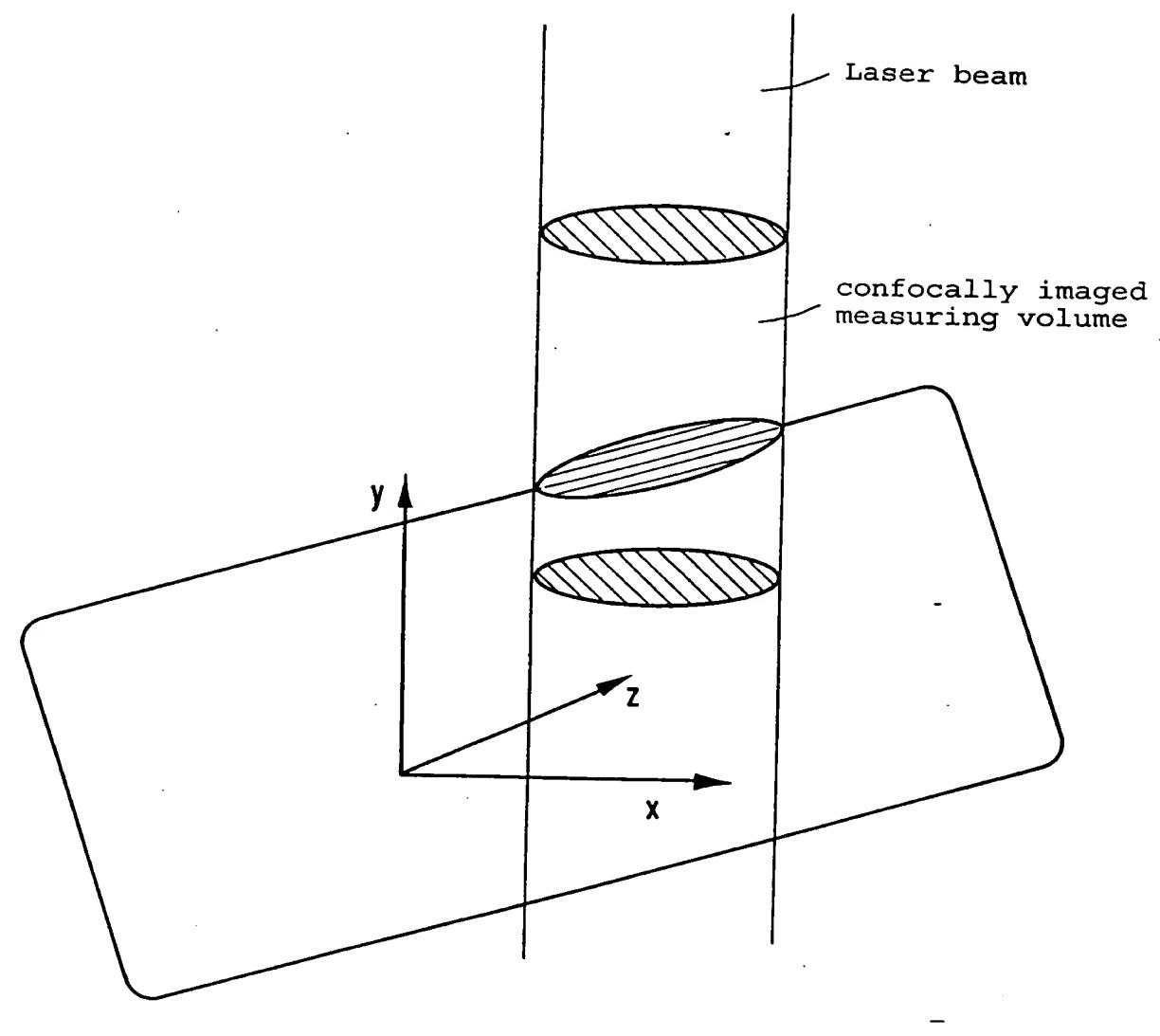


FIG.5

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Detection of Single Molecules in the Electric Trap

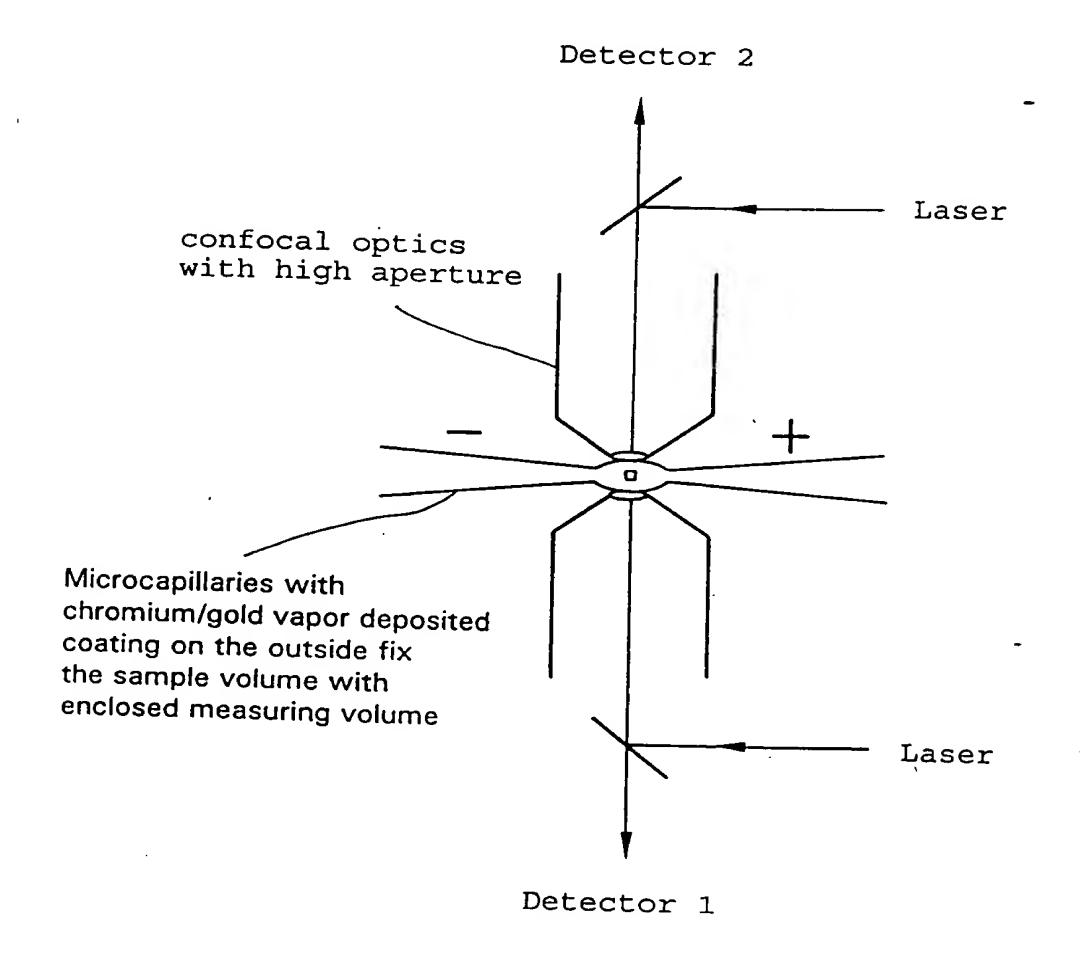
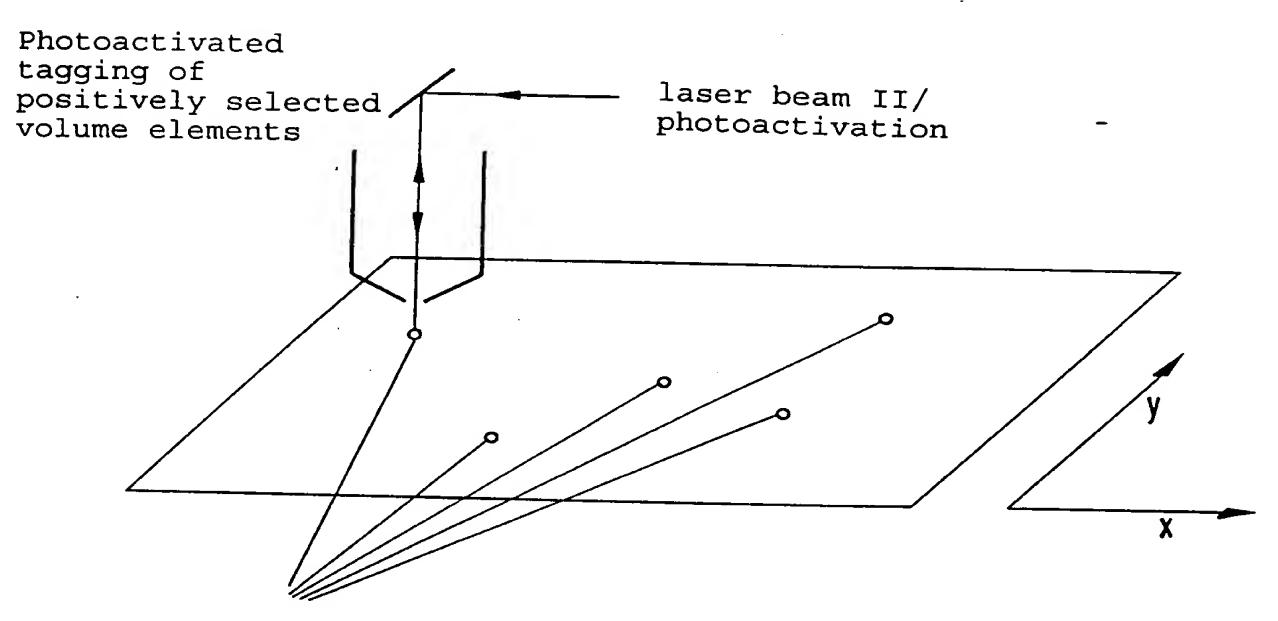


FIG.6

FCS - Tagging of the Selected Genotypes



- a) Physical access to optically tagged volume elements
- b) Light induced linking of the nucleic acid of selected volume elements to affinity ligands
- at the carrier surface
- to soluble ligands

Mixture of all nucleic acids after phenotype evaluation:

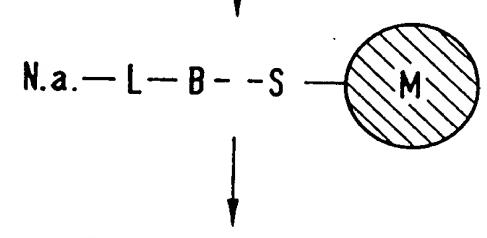
Plasmid DNA
Cellular DNA
rRNA/tRNA/mRNA

Excess from untagged volume elements

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Plasmid DNA
Cellular DNA
rRNA/tRNA/mRNA
(containing
sequences
encoding
selected
phenotype)

Minor amounts from untagged volume elements in which affinity ligands (L) have been photochemically coupled (laser induced) to the nucleic acids present in the respective volume element



cDNA synthesis or enzymatic amplification

N.a.; Nucleic acid.

L; Ligand with specific nucleic acid affinity which can be photochemically coupled covalently and preferably reversibly to a nucleic acid (e.g. a psoralen derivative). The ligand is preferably linked to a substituent which allows for subsequent enrichment of the nucleic acids. For instance, this can be a hydrophobic substituent to purify nucleic acids by reversed phase chromatography. For affinity chromatography, substituents such as biotin (B) are the obvious suitable ones so that the nucleic acids can be enriched through (strept)avidin complexing (S) with appropriately modified magnetobeads (M) or surfaces.

FLUCS Analysis of Complex Mixtures of Substances after Chromatographic Separation in Fractions

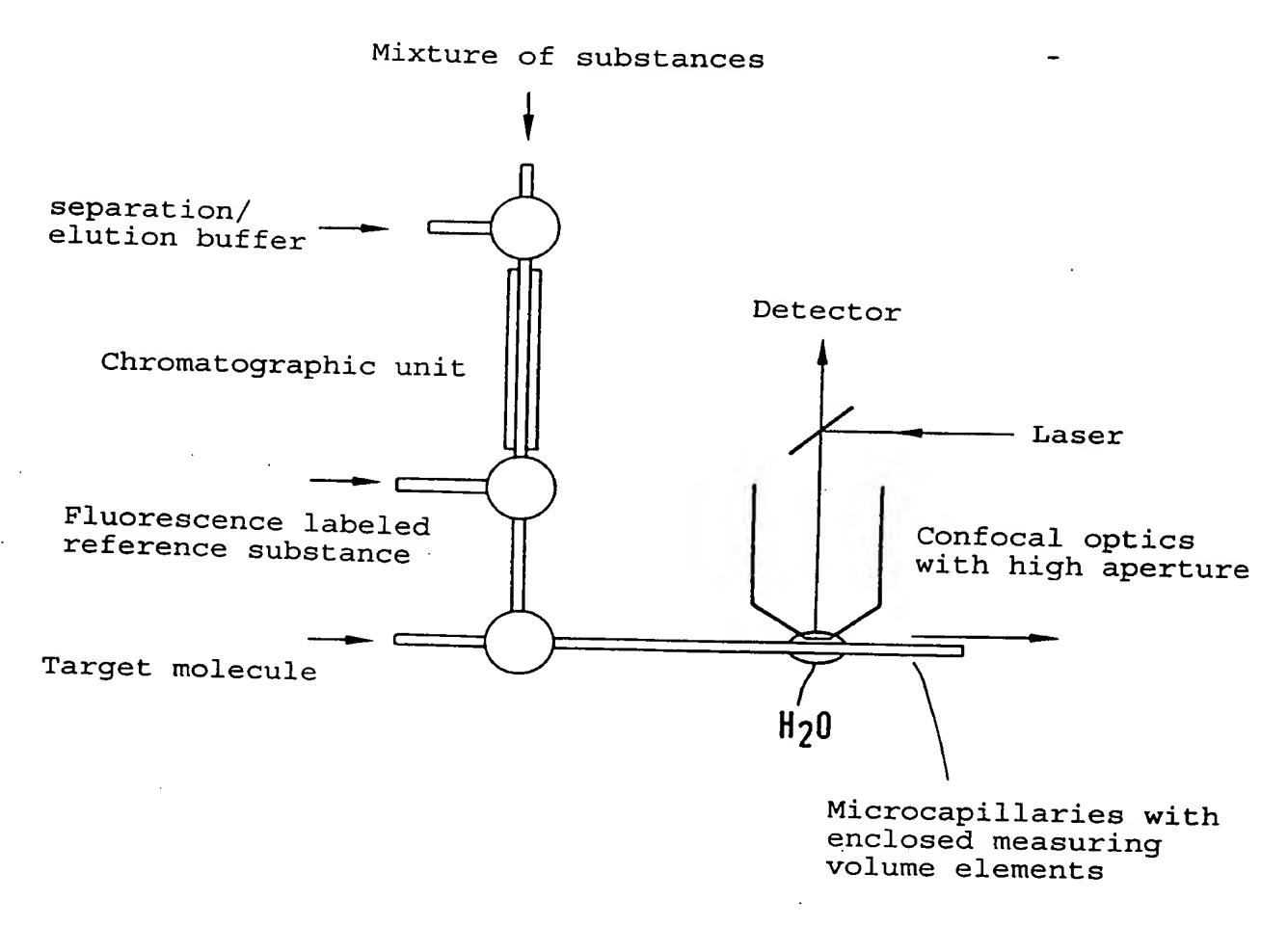
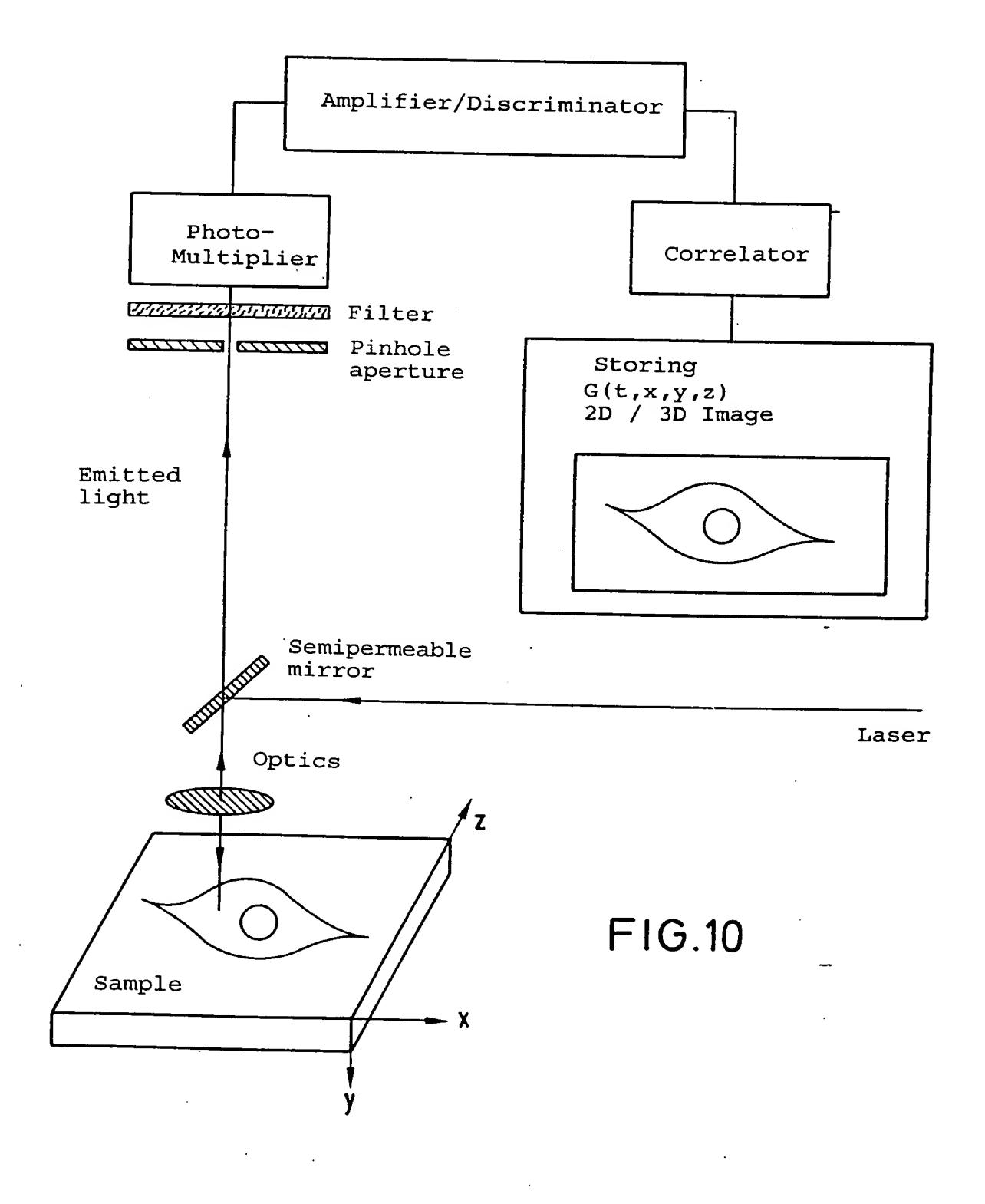


FIG.9

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Laser Correlation Microscope



Selection of Possible Assays

$$(Ag) + Ag + Ag + F$$
 (A)

$$\frac{Ak2}{Ag} \left(Ag \right) \frac{Ak}{Ag} F - \frac{Ak2}{Ag} \frac{Ak}{Ag} F$$
 (B)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\hline
Ak2 \\
\hline
F2
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Ak2 \\
\hline
F1
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Ak2 \\
\hline
F2
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Ak1 \\
\hline
F1
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
F2
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Ak2 \\
\hline
F1
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
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\hline
F2
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$$\begin{array}{c|c}
F1
\end{array}$$

FIG.11

Electrophoresis Cell

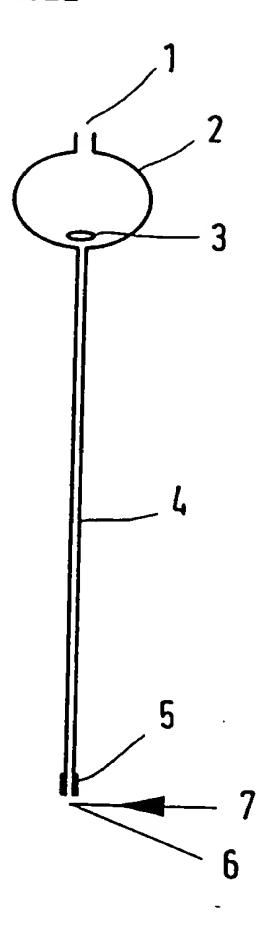


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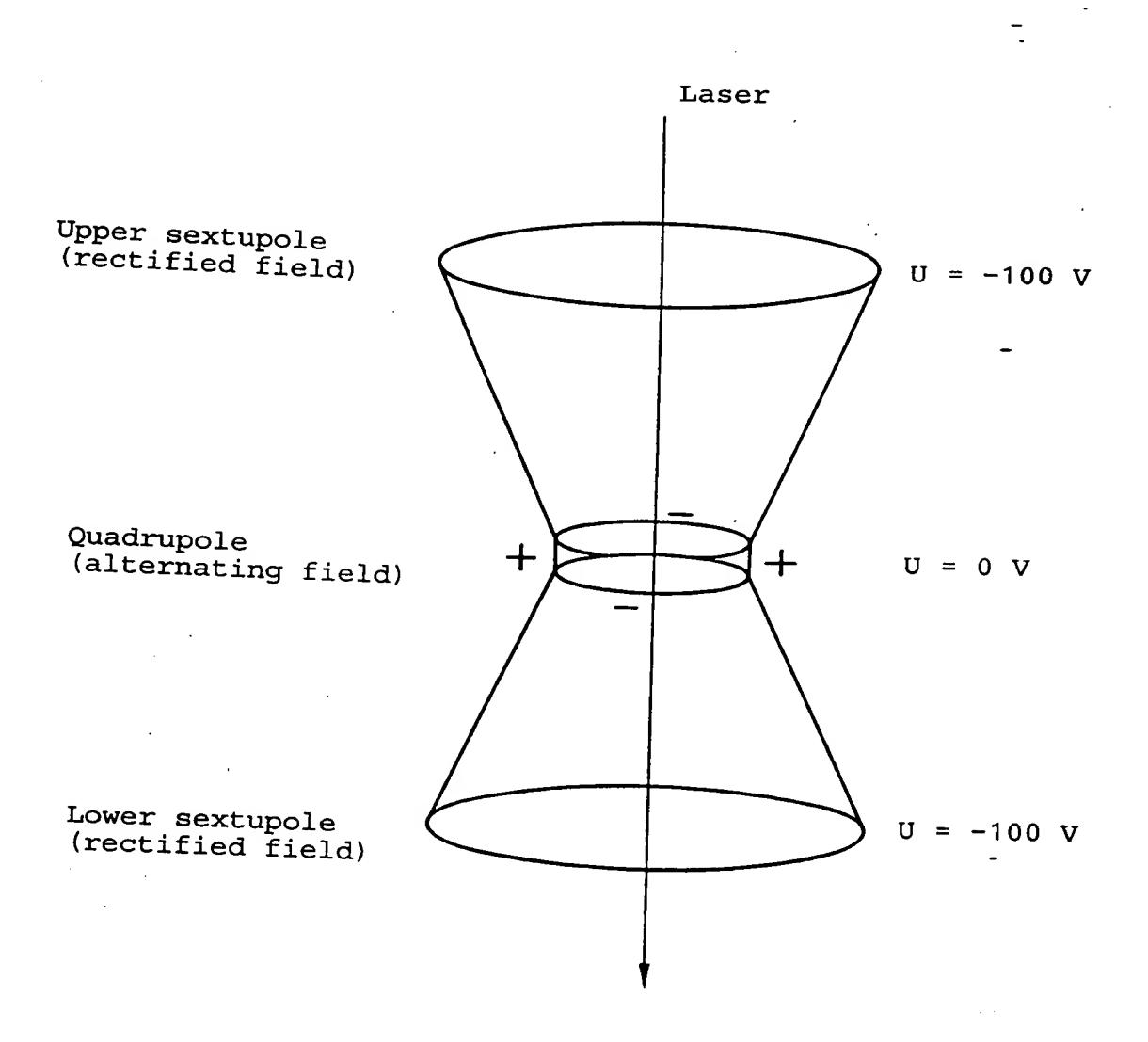


FIG.13

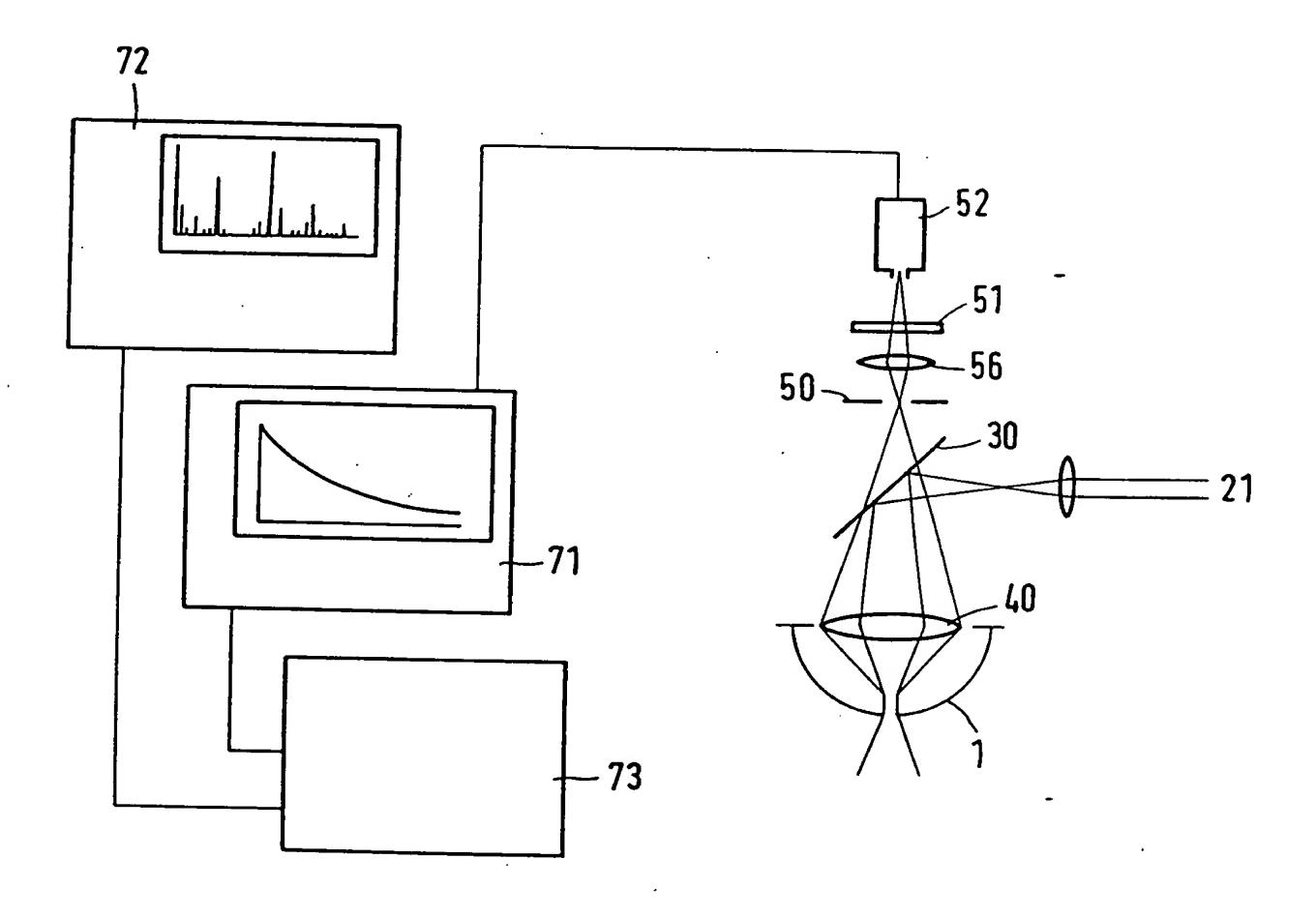
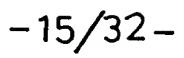
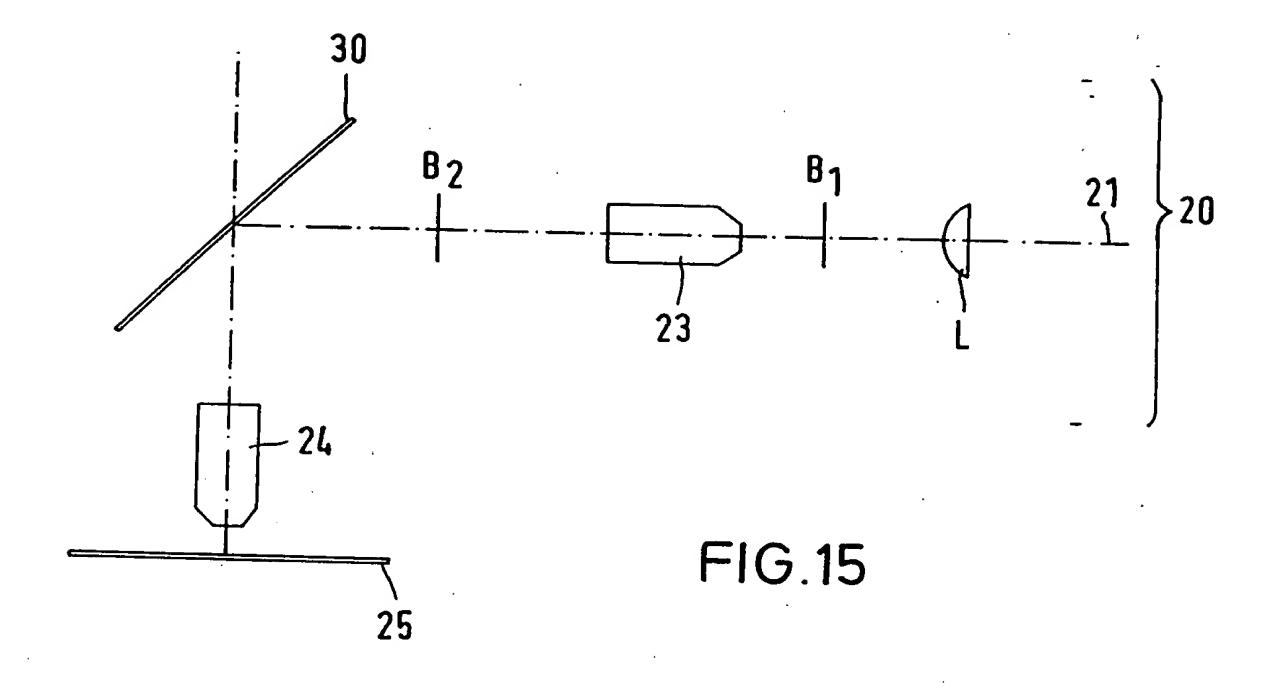
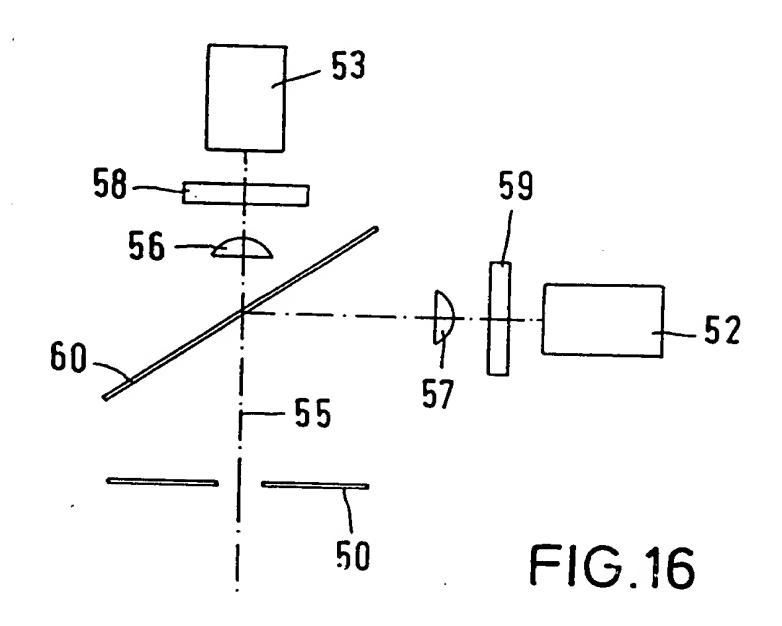


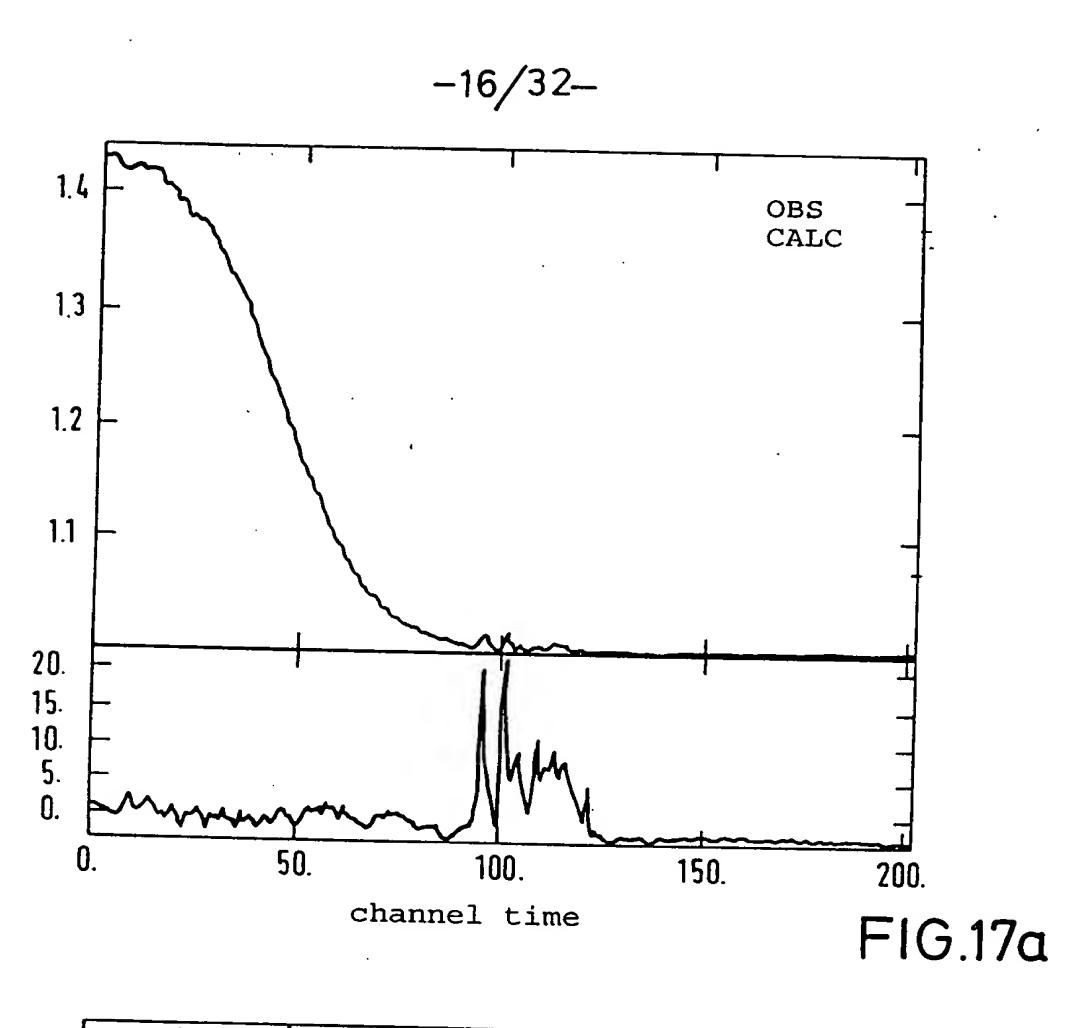
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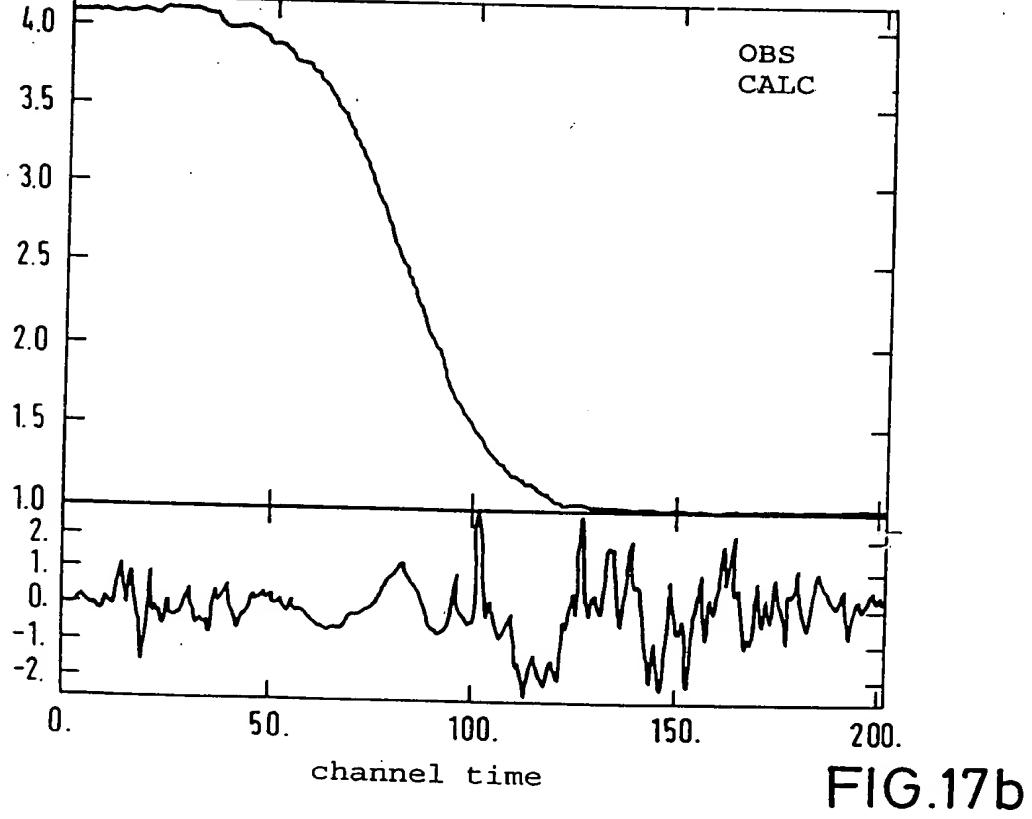
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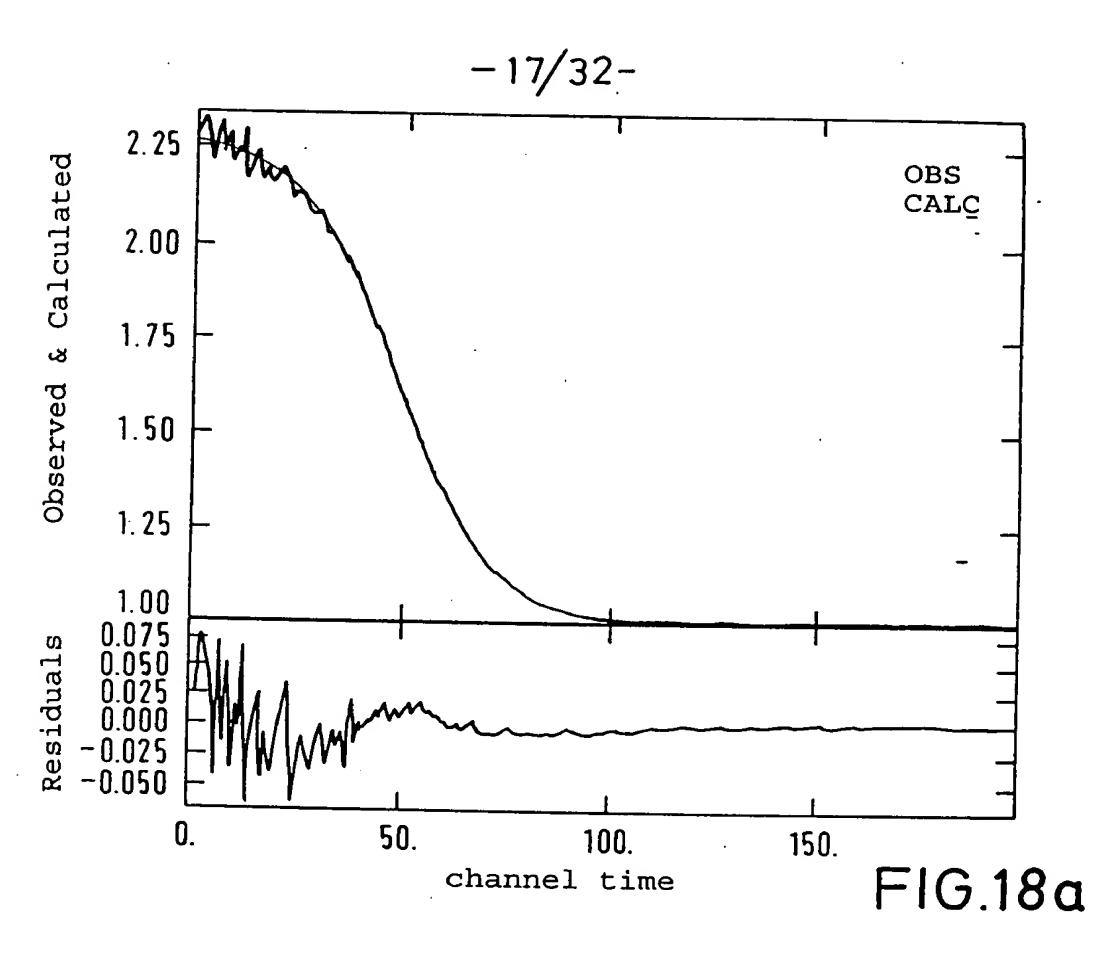


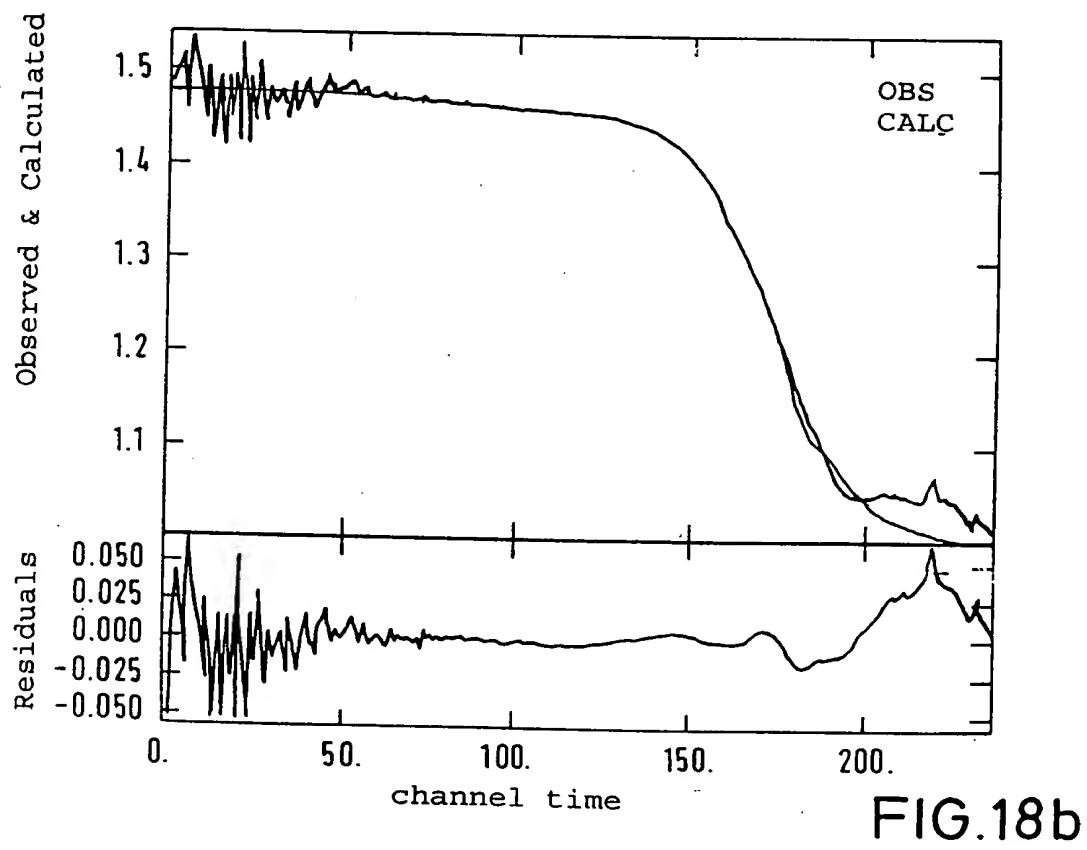


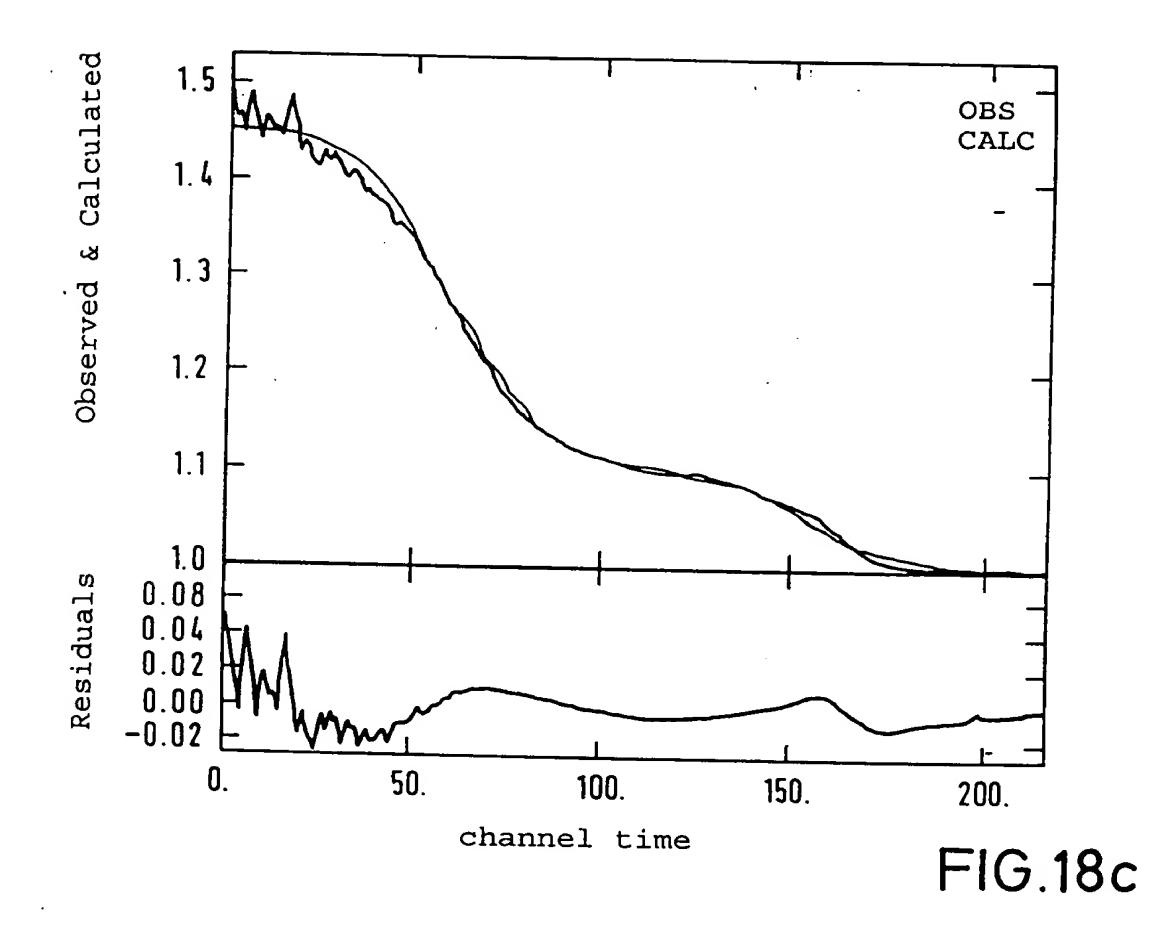












Determination by FCS of the Dissociation Behavior of Complexes in Experiments Performed in Parallel

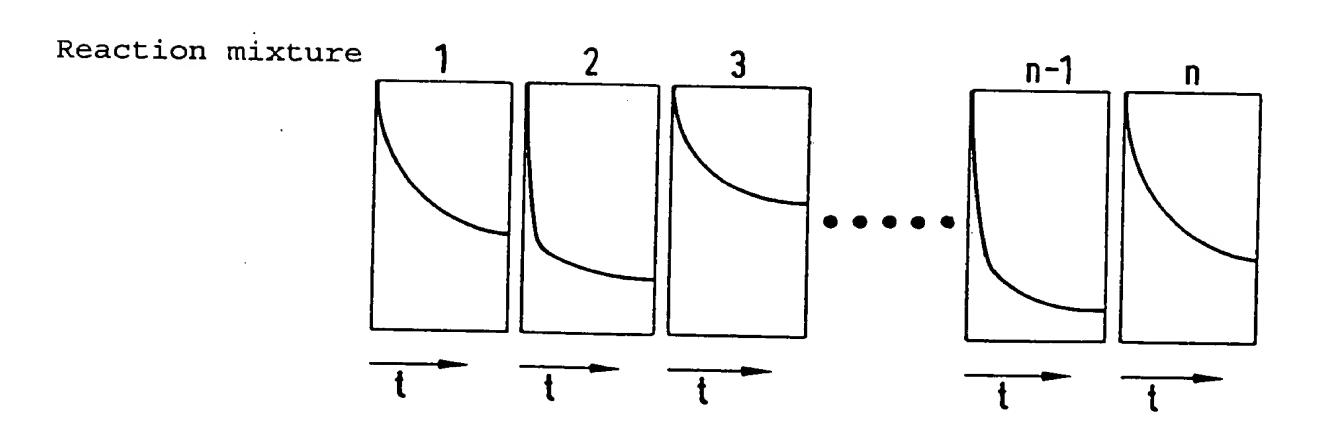
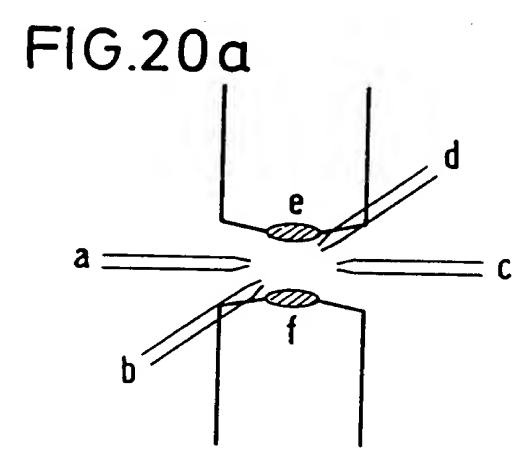


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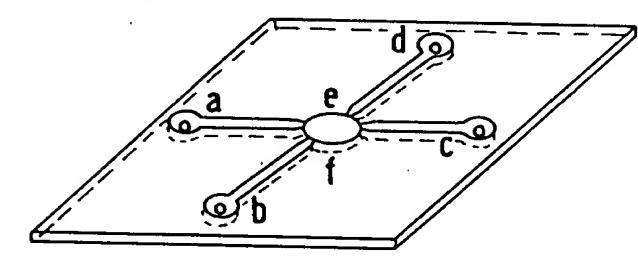
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Different Embodiments of the Electric Trap According to the Invention

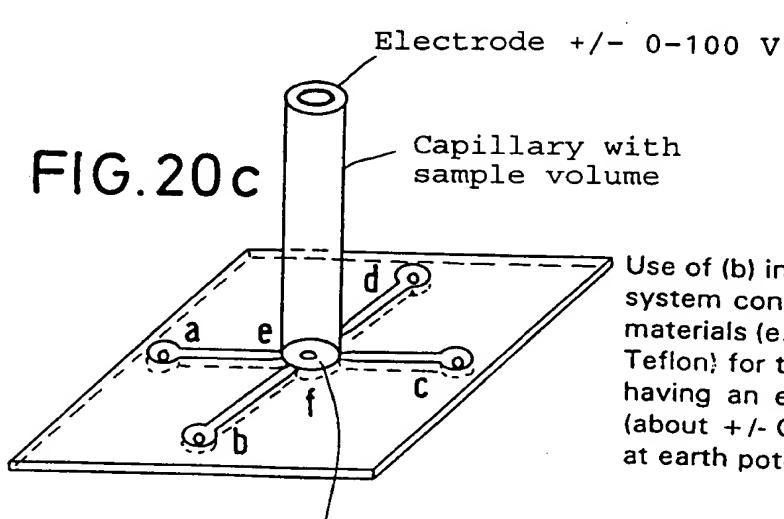


- a, b, c, d as quadrupole electrodes (metal coated Neher tips or metal vapor coated electrodes on microstructures on flat sample carriers (silicone, glass, and other basis materials)).
- e,f as sextupole electrodes (e.g. as metal vapor coated emergence lens of one or two objectives. Adjustment is performed by x,y,z adjustment.

FIG.20b



Use of flat carriers with etched electrode channels (or forms made by LIGA technique) through which charged molecules can be controlled with respect to their migration in the electric field, can be led in or out. The bottom plates at e and f can be objectives coated as sextupole electrodes or metal vapor coated coverings.

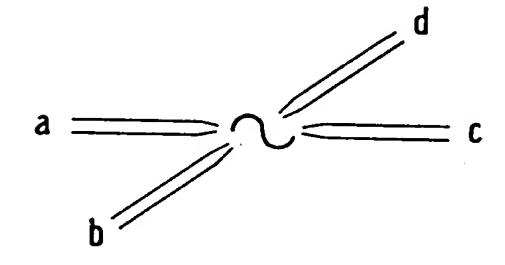


Use of (b) in combination with a sample dispenser system consisting of a capillary made of mineral materials (e.g. glass, silicon, etc.) or plastics (e.g. Teflon) for the reception of large sample volumes having an electrode at the end of the capillary (about +/- 0-100 Volt) and a collecting electrode at earth potential (0 Volt).

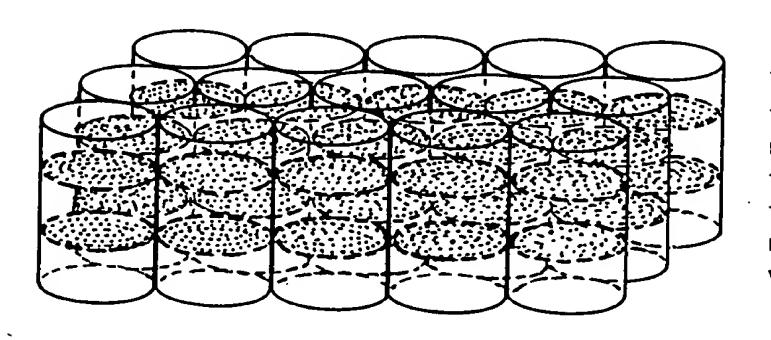
Collecting electrode with earthing (potential 0 V) and Pinhole for ions to pass into the quadrupolar field

Molecular Detection

FIG.21a



If target molecules are present within the quadrupole or sextupole field the molecules can be set into forced motion by a random alternating field over the electrodes a, b, c, d. They thus become countable according to the invention.



The position of a molecule within the trap is recognized by a multielement detector. By active feedback the quadrupole/sextupole field is adjusted such that the molecule gets fixed in its position within a defined area/volume element.

FIG.21b

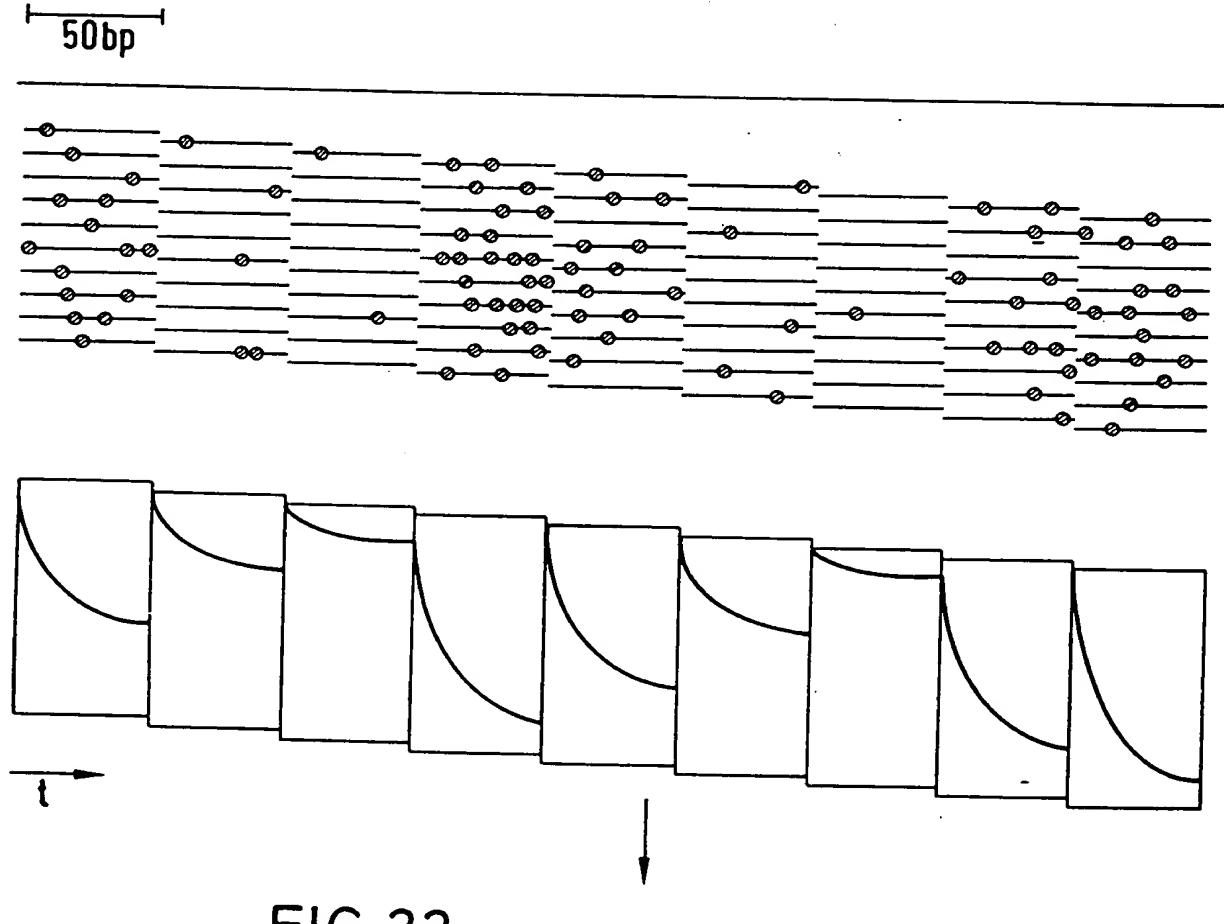


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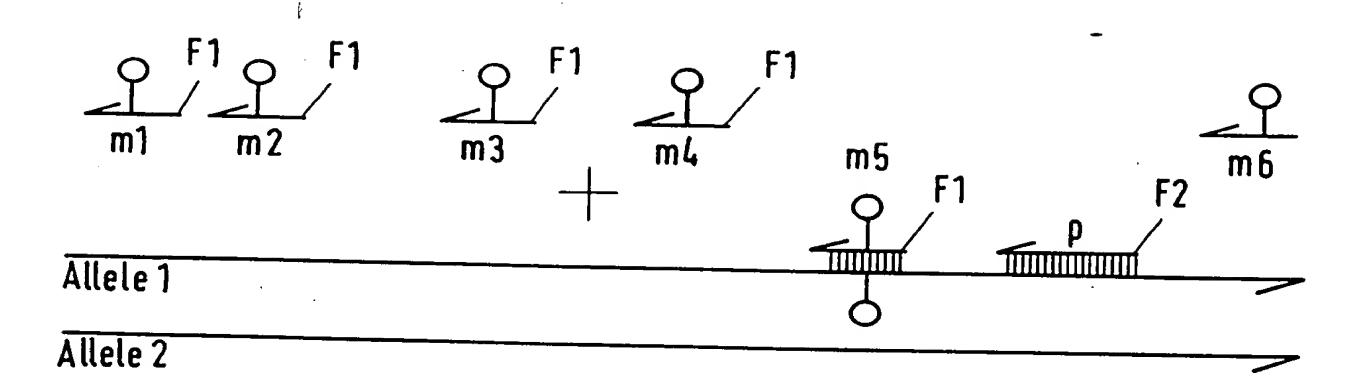
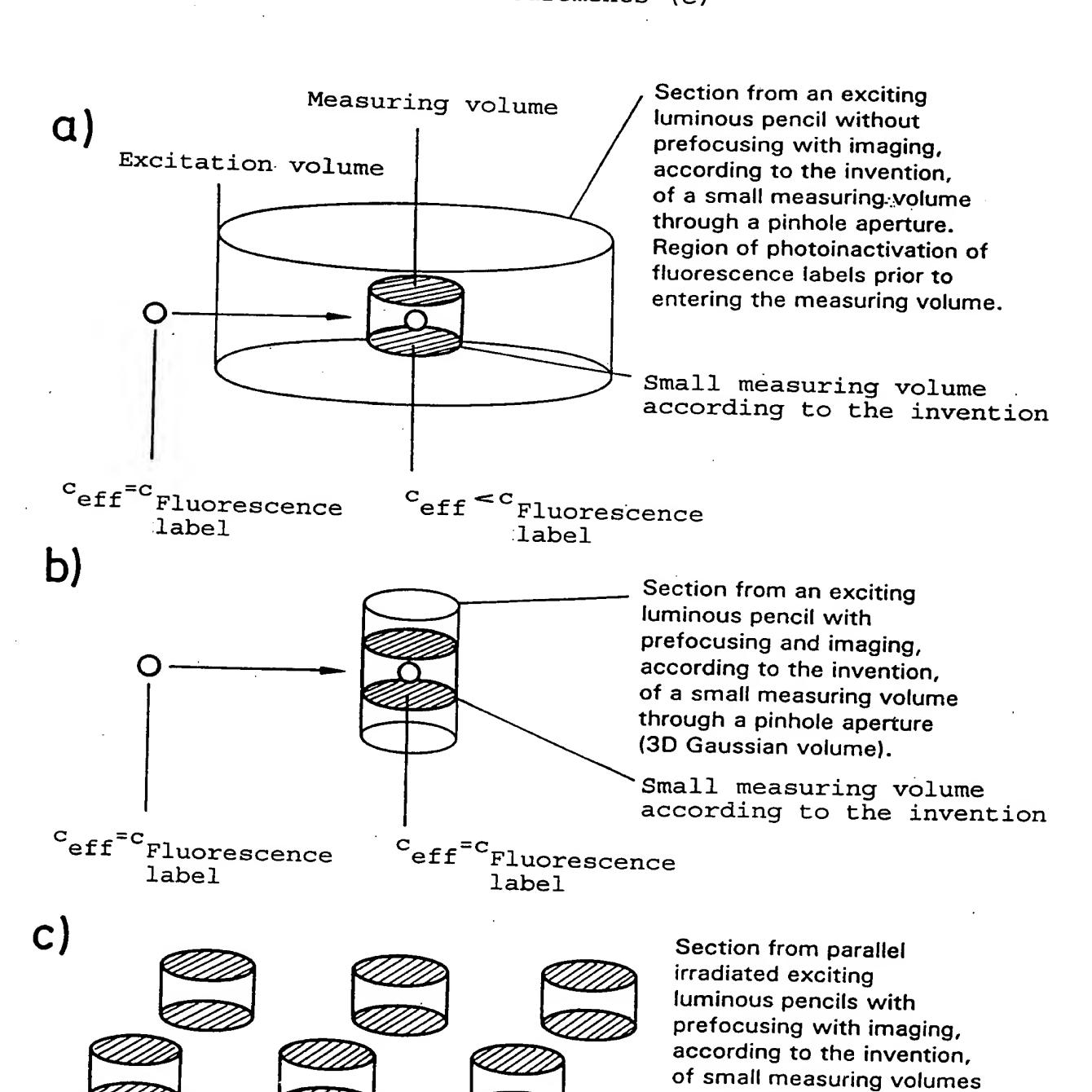


FIG.23

Small Excitation Volumes (a) and Small Measuring Volumes (b) and Small Volumes with Parallel Measurements (c)



or successive illuminations

and measurements of different

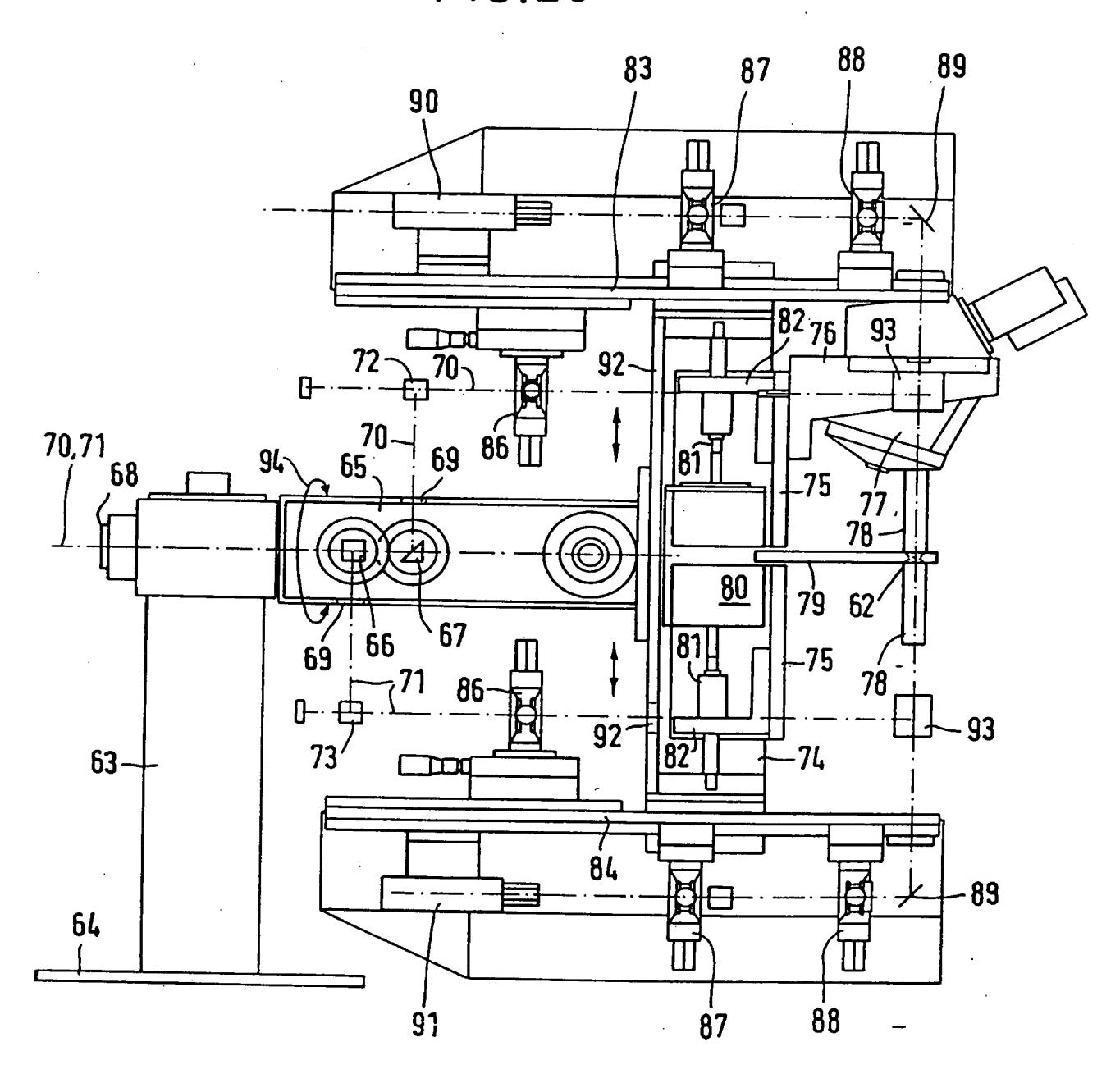
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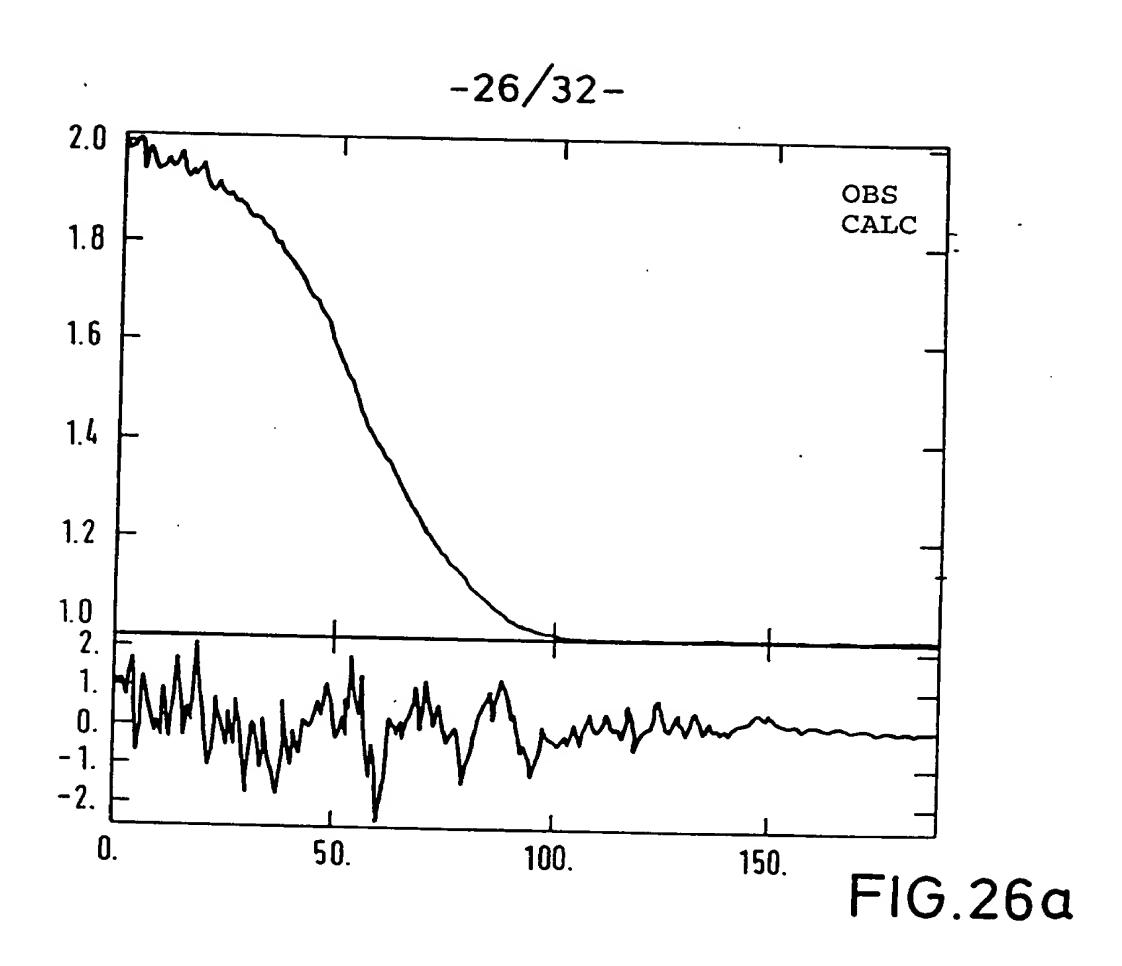
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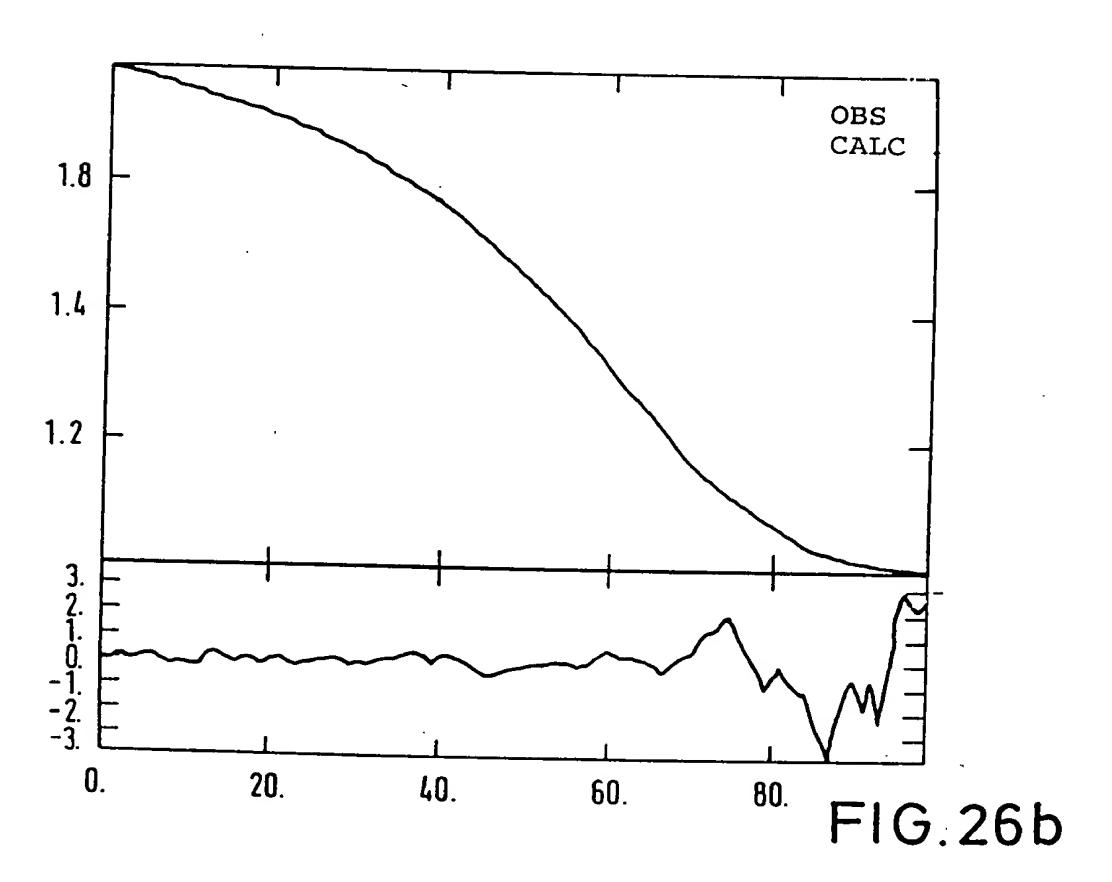
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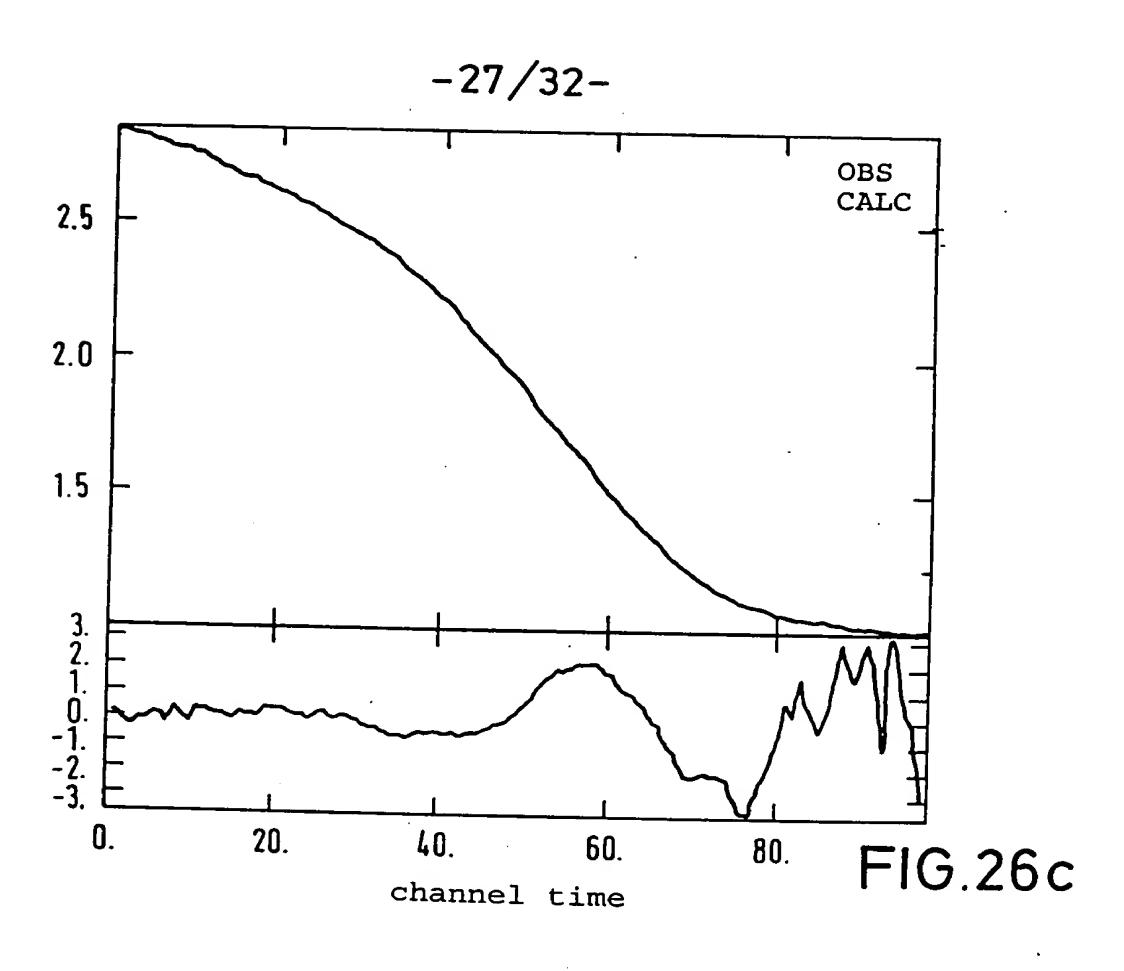
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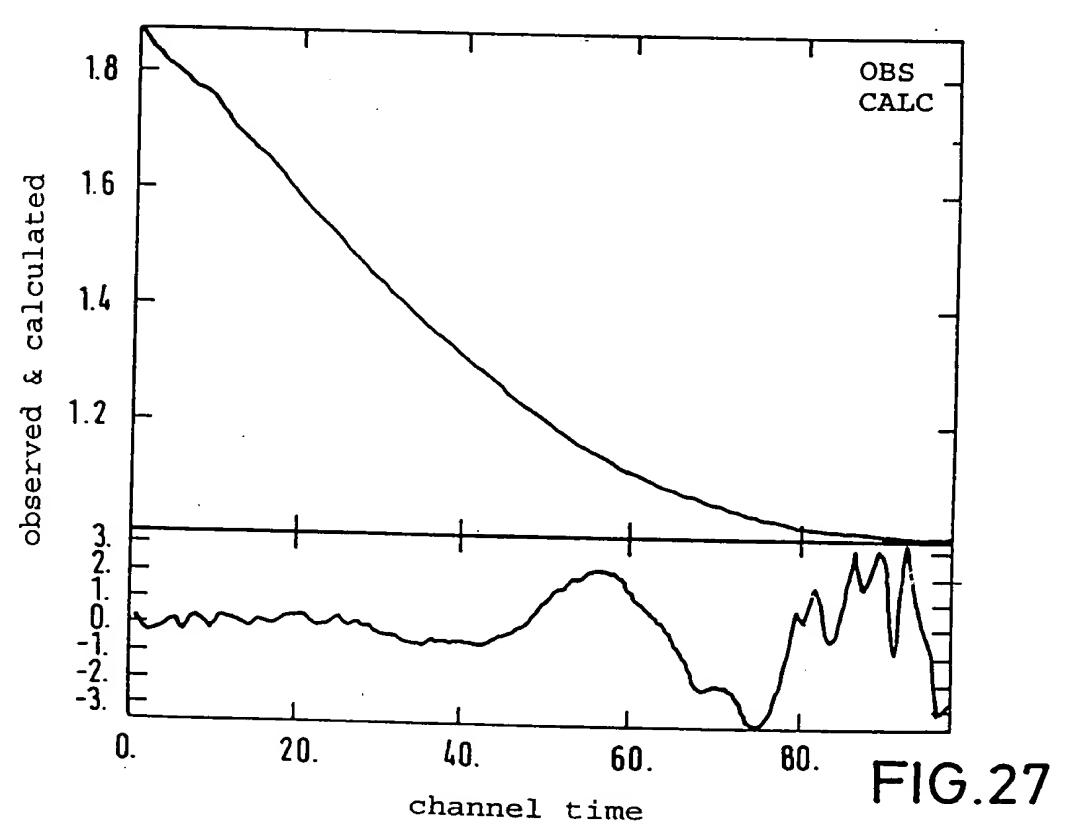
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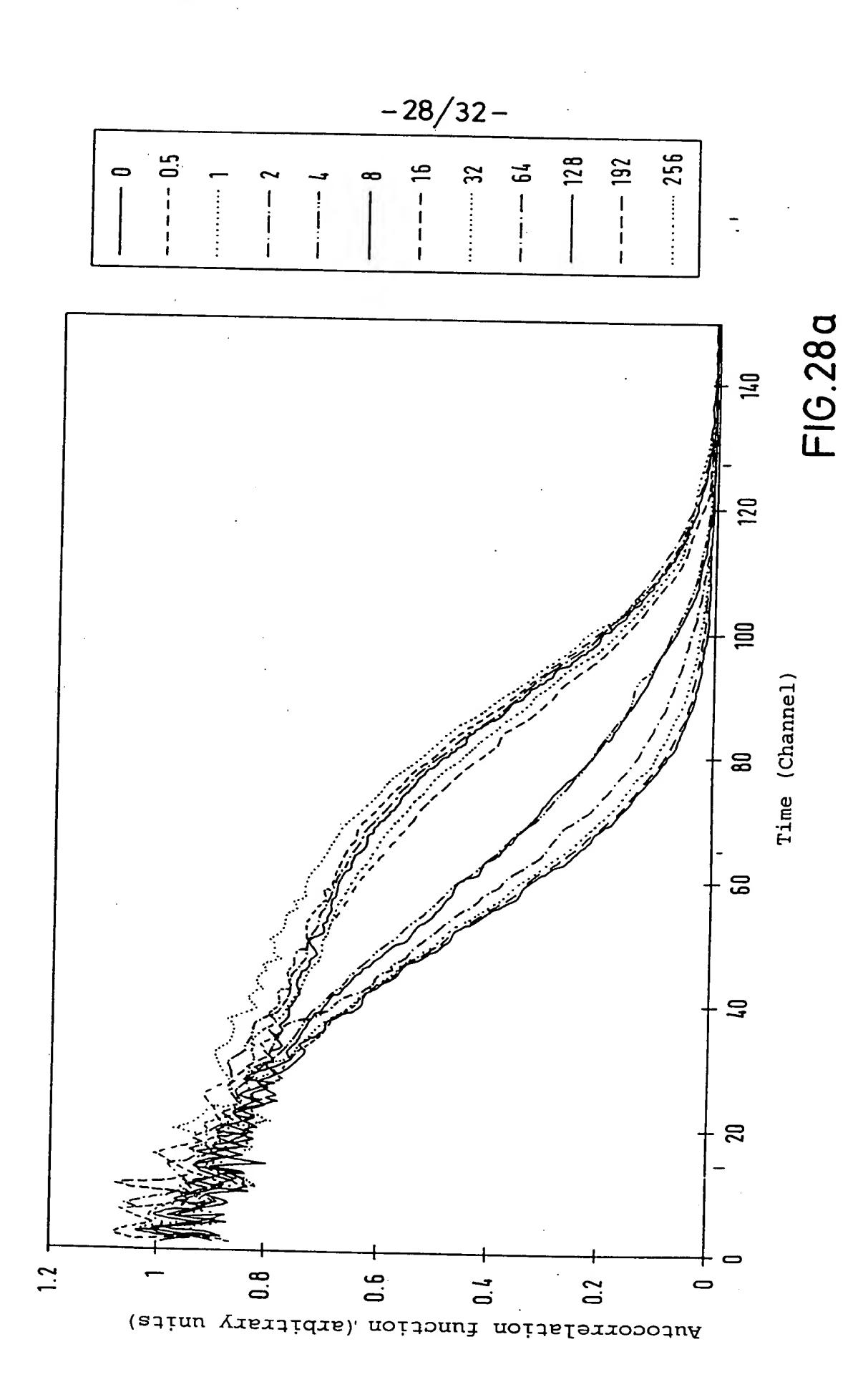


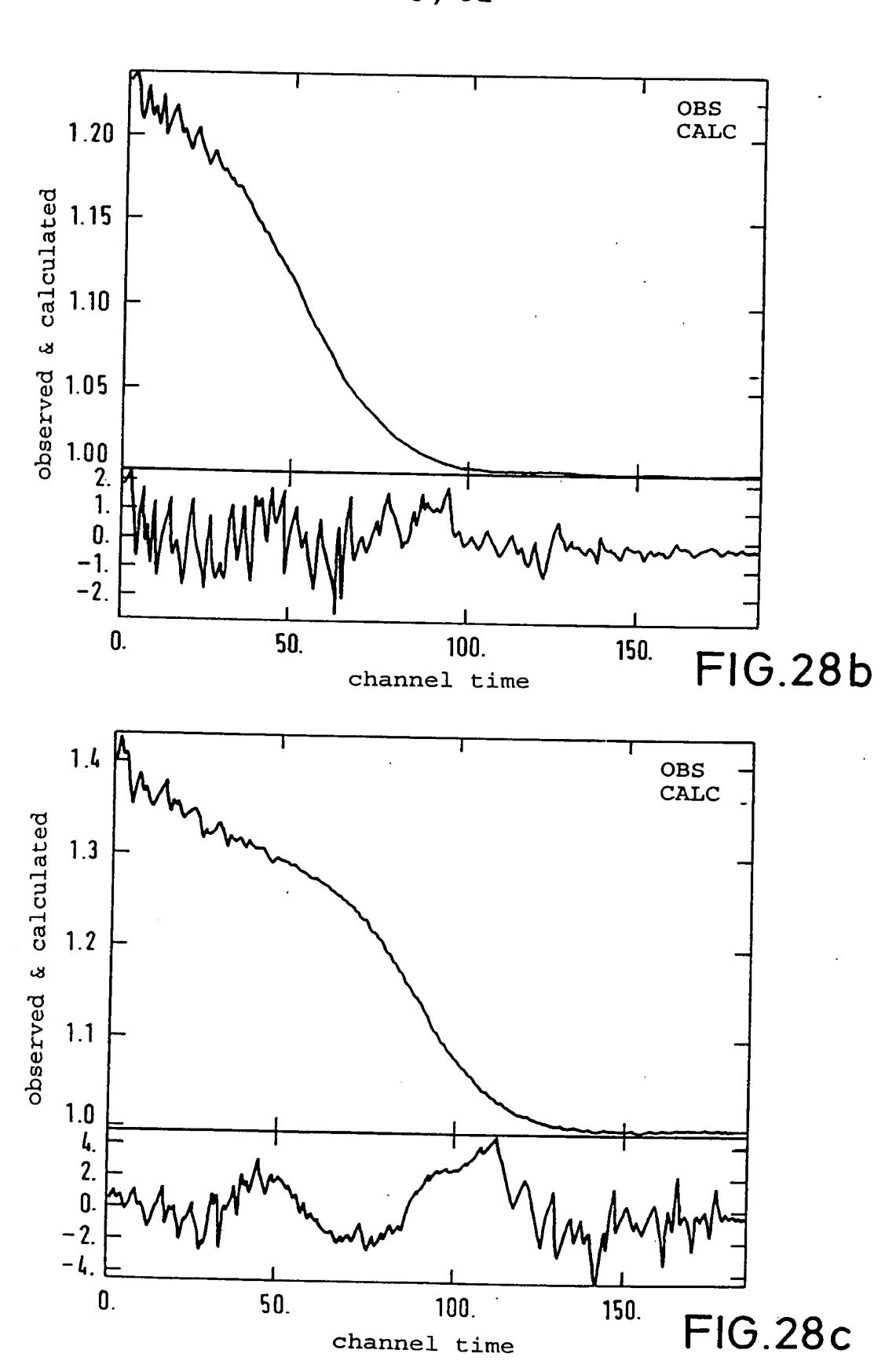


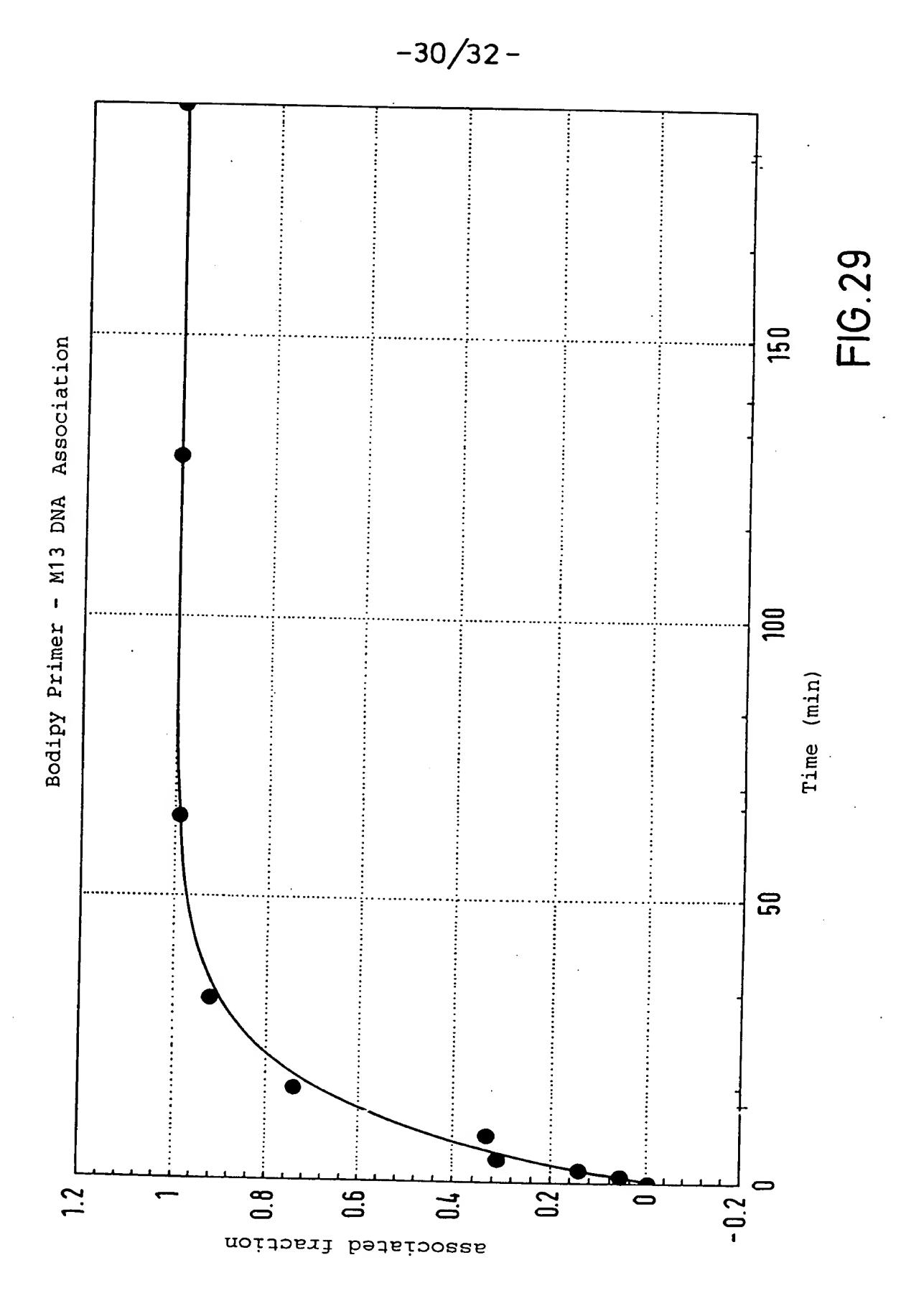




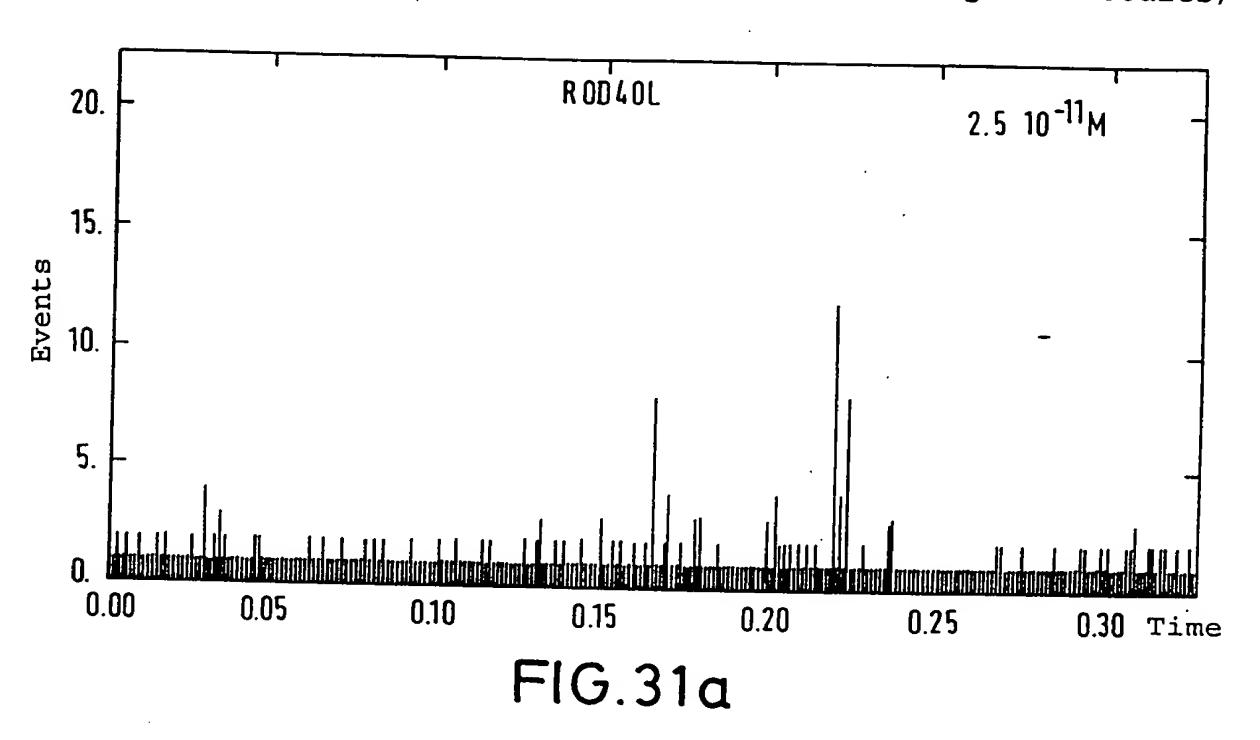
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Multichannel Detection of Rhodamine 6G (Single Molecules)



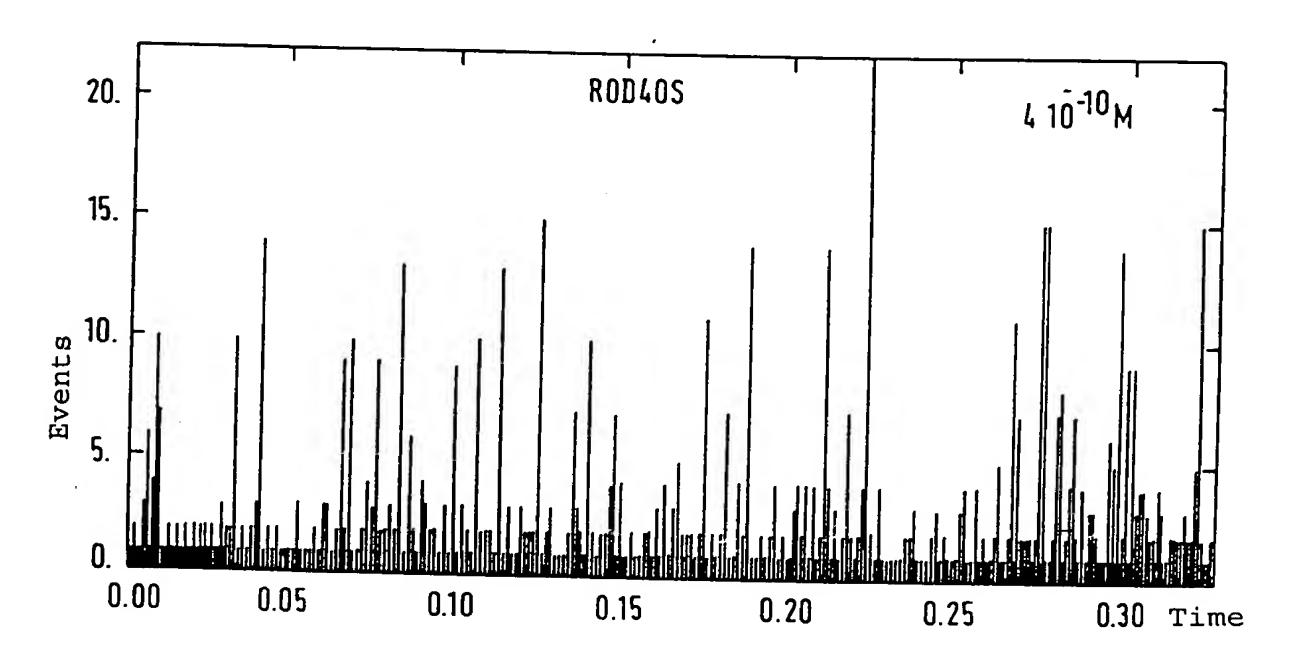


FIG.31b